

Egypt Centre Teachers Pack

Key Skills Based Learning

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Foundation Phase 1



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Your Visit

Before you arrive:

All activities are designed with **key skills** in mind and we indicate the key skill outcomes of each activity. This programme of activities is suitable for children aged 3 to 5. The children will not be expected to work unaided but take part in the activities with the Museum's assistants. Most of our staff who will be working with your pupils are unpaid volunteers and not trained teachers. Please could you therefore ensure that the children are supervised at all times? The volunteers have indicated it is helpful if children are given name badges, however we understand that not all schools are happy to provide name badges therefore we leave the decision to you.

Safety information to plan your (risk assessment) can be found on our website <http://www.egypt.swan.ac.uk/about/safety-information-for-schools/>

The sessions will take place over two hours in the museum's two galleries. The times available are:
10am-12pm
12.30-2.30pm
11am-1.30pm (half an hour lunch included at 12pm)

On the day (school group of up to 40 children)

When you arrive the children are welcomed, and divided into two groups. One group will go into the *House of Death* and one group will go into the *House of Life*. If you have booked for the session over lunch the children go for lunch in a pre-booked area and after they have finished swap over so they all have an opportunity to see both galleries. Please ensure you have enough teachers and support staff to supervise all groups of children.

All of the activities are hands-on and some have worksheets for children to work through. Most of our staff who will be working with your pupils are unpaid volunteers and not trained teachers. Please ensure that the children are supervised at all times. The volunteers have indicated it is helpful if children are given name badges, however we understand that not all schools are happy to provide name badges therefore we leave the decision to you.

Cost:

We charge £2 a head for each child and provide the relevant photocopied sheets, clipboards and pencils for the children to use. If any children do not turn up we charge 50p for the photocopied work pack, which you can take away with you.

We have a shop area with 'Egyptian' themed items starting from 35p and also offer a 'goodie bag' service to save shop time. If you require this service please contact the gift shop manager at least a week before (see Page 12 for details).

Please make cheques payable to Swansea University.



House of Life Activities



Egyptian Costume & Music

During this activity the children dress up as ancient Egyptians. Through role-play they learn about the social structure of Egypt from the Pharaoh to the peasantry. They discover what materials and manufacturing techniques were used to make clothes and what garments would have been worn by adults and children. Children will also be told about personal hygiene, cosmetics and perfumes.

The music activity is about understanding the different musical instruments used in a different culture and time. Looking at the similarities and differences with ones we use and how they sound.

Above all this activity is about having fun!

You may wish to bring a camera to photograph the children dressed up in the costumes

(45 minutes)



Exploring Egypt

During this activity children are encouraged to take on the role of an explorer and pretend they have discovered a tomb full of ancient Egyptian treasures. They look around the gallery and use exploring buckets with match cards to find objects in cases. Later the children have the opportunity to share what they have discovered in the gallery with others in their group

(15 minutes)



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House of Death Activities



Gods and Animals of ancient Egypt

The children will be shown that there were many gods and goddesses in ancient Egypt and how important they were. The children will wear god headdresses and learn about individual gods. The children will also find out about the different animals in ancient Egypt using a 'guess the animal in the bag' game. Finally the children will be given exploring buckets where, with the help of laminated pictures, torches and magnifying glasses the children will search the gallery and find different objects relating to gods and animals.

This activity provides a good opportunity to look around the gallery

(30 minutes)



Food and Drink offerings

The children will, using their own knowledge of food and drink they have today, guess the types of food the ancient Egyptians ate, this will be facilitated by model food. The children will then use play dough and make offering trays so that the ancient Egyptians could eat forever!

(30 minutes)



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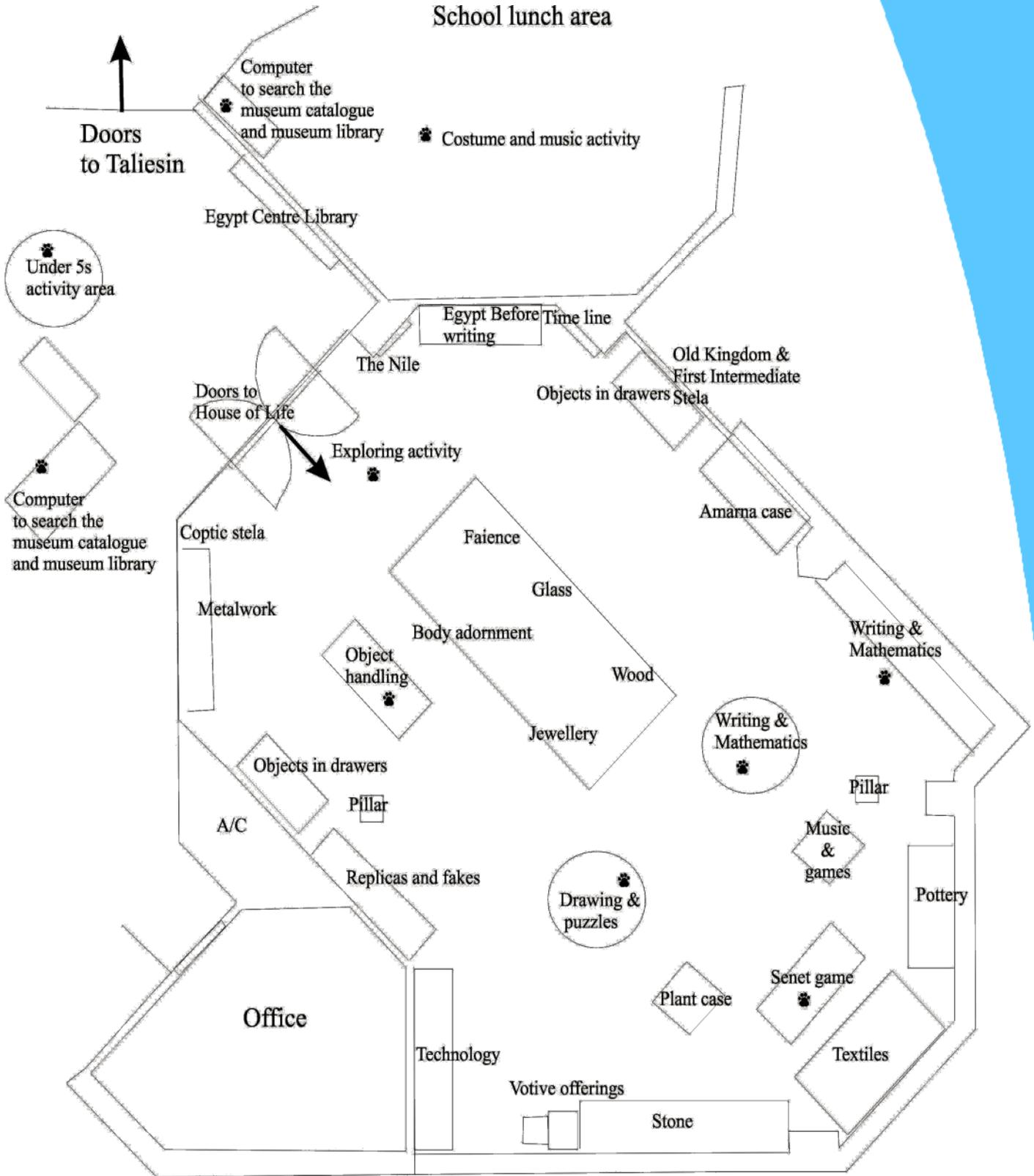


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Museum Floor Plan

House of Life

School lunch area

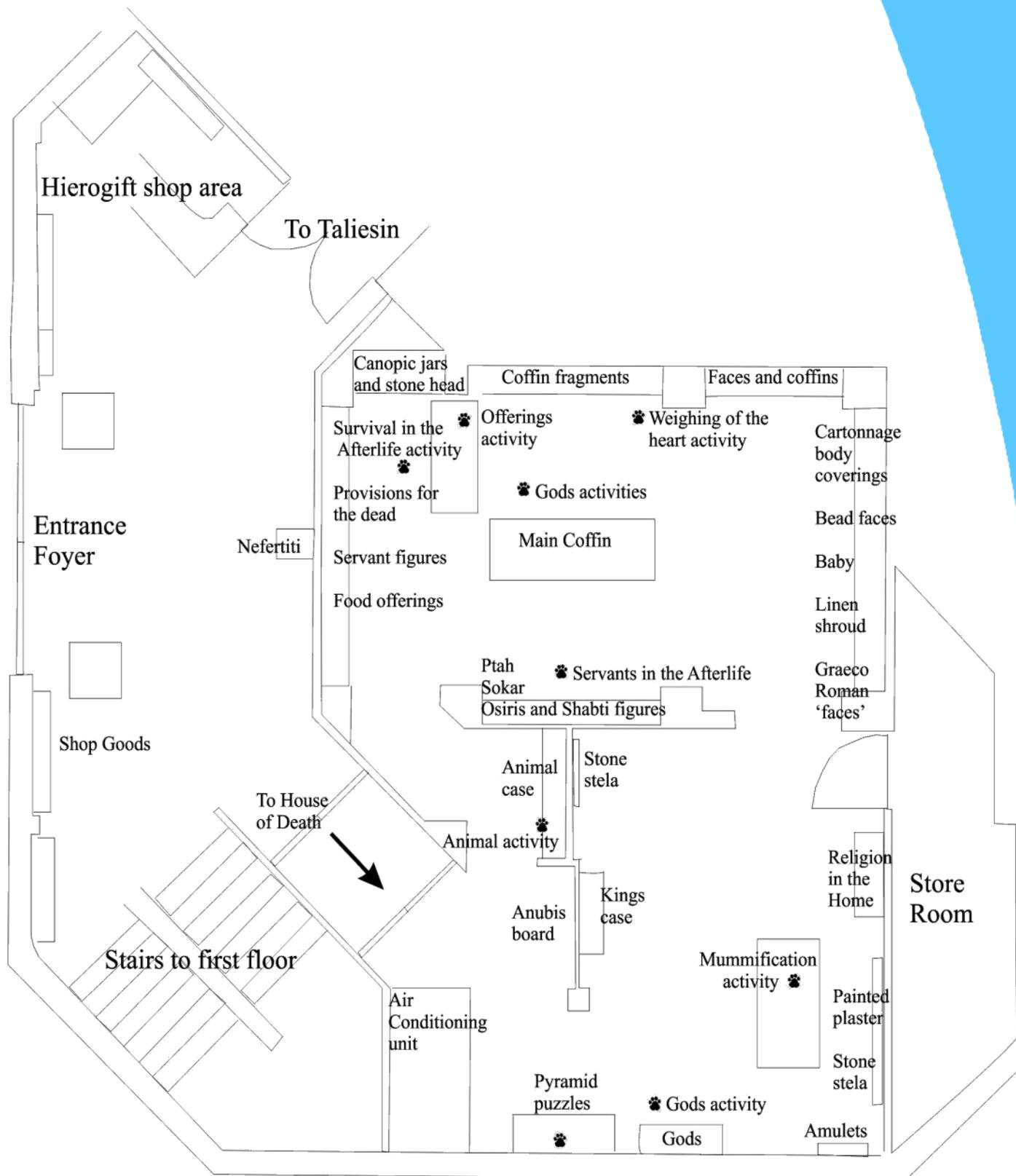


Hands-on activities



Museum Floor Plan

House of Death

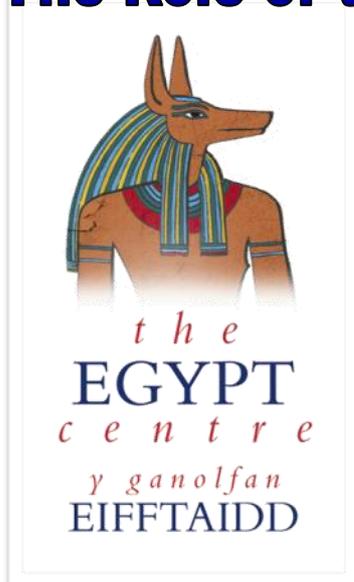


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Museum - School agreement

The Role of the Egypt Centre



All activities are museum led. We will provide trained activity leaders to work with small groups of children. All staff working with your children are fully-enhanced DBS checked. Activity leaders are **not** expected to supervise and discipline children, this is the responsibility of the School Teachers.

We will endeavour to provide as many of the activities chosen by the school in the time available. If the school arrive late for whatever reason, it may be necessary for activities to be shortened or an activity to be dropped altogether. We will provide all materials and equipment needed for each activity, which are safe to use.

We will also provide each child with a clipboard, pencil and work-pack for their use during the visit (some activities do not require a work-pack).

If required, we can provide a safe area for lunch near toilet facilities. We provide a gift-shop that caters for school children with a range of pocket money priced gifts, and items relevant to areas of study. We welcome feedback from schools and each school is given a questionnaire to return

The Role of the School

The school should try to arrive at the agreed time. If for what ever reason the school is running late, they should make every effort to contact us and keep us informed. During the day, the school will ensure the equipment and materials that are to be used for subsequent school groups and the public are not being misused. The school must also ensure to respect other visitors to the Museum at all times.

A member of school staff should supervise each group of children at all times and ensure good behaviour throughout the day. In particular, all teachers must:

Make sure they have adequate staff supervision using the ratios laid down by their institution.

This is a suggestion:

0-2 years	=	1 adult to 3 children
2-3 years	=	1 adult to 4 children
3-7 years	=	1 adult to 8 children
7 years +	=	2 adults (preferably one of each gender)

(for up to 20 children, add one additional staff member for every additional 10 children).

- Ensure adequate insurance cover for the group and leaders
- In case of an accident or a lost child, contact a member of the Museum staff immediately, they will then follow the Museum procedures.
- Ensure that the appropriate group leaders carry any necessary medicine for the children with them at all times, with the permission of the parents/guardian.
- Refrain from having possession of, or consuming, alcoholic beverages on the Museum premises.
- Refrain from either verbally or physically abusing a child/young person.
- Inform their group of behavioural expectations while in the Egypt Centre, museum of Egyptian antiquities.

Group leaders should not allow members of their group to:

- make any sectarian, racist, sexist or other offensive remarks toward any person or other group
- vandalise Museum property
- leave litter in the Museum/University grounds.

The school will pay £2 for each child and 50p for any work packs not used due to absence of children (Please make cheques payable to Swansea University). If the school has any concern please report it to a member of staff.



Making a booking

What we need to know

Please have all of the following information at hand when booking:

- Date of school visit
- Lead teachers name
- Full name of school and address (including postcode)
- Number of children to attend
- Age of children attending
- Any special requirements for the children
- Expected time of arrival (do you require a comfort break on arrival?)
- Expected time of departure
- Would you like shop time or would you like to order goodie bags?
- Will you be paying on the day or would you like to be invoiced?

Please indicate your choice and reply as soon as possible in order to prepare the work packs for your party.

**Please ring Wendy or Samuel at the Egypt Centre
on 01792-295960**

or email:

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s.r.wale@swansea.ac.uk



Visit Us

Under 5s Area

Designed perfectly for our younger visitors and their families, our new under 5s activities situated just outside the House of Life is full of hands on fun.

Children are able to explore an interactive toy pyramid, dress up alongside their parents as ancient Egyptians, play musical instruments, colour in images of our very own puppy Anubis and even listen to ancient Egyptian story time.



What's On

Keep up to date with all our activities and events for children, families and adults with our very own Egypt Centre What's On magazine!

Available for download on our website:

<http://www.egypt.swan.ac.uk/index.php/events>



Museum Gift Shop



Our Shop

The gift shop is available for all visiting parties during their time at the Museum. There are many items geared towards school children, and at a very affordable price (items start from 35p) If you would like time in the Museum gift shop, please let us know so we can allocate sufficient time around your activities.

However, the shop is quite small, so we are unable to serve a whole group at the same time. It is recommended that groups use the shop 6 or 7 at a time in order to make it easier for the shop assistants and for the children themselves.

This is often done during the lunch break, where children can come down in small groups.

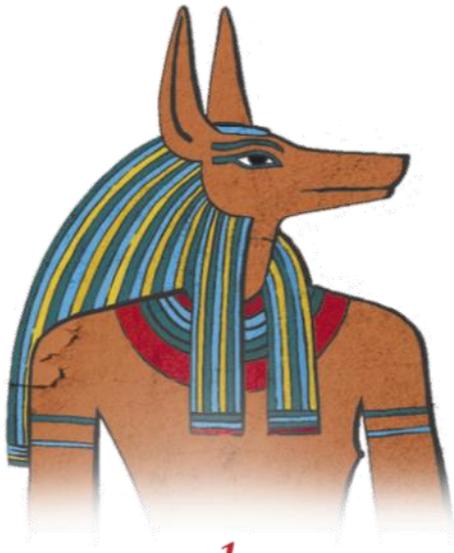
Goodie Bags

We can also provide a 'goodie bag' service which can be prepared in advance. The standard goodie bag is £2.50 and includes an ancient Egyptian themed pen, pencil, a papyrus bookmark and a small scarab amulet. However these can be changed depending on your preferences, and budget. This can make the visit easier for schools especially for larger groups and if you are pressed for time.

If you wish to use this facility, please contact Lauren Wale, the Museum Front of House and Gift Shop Manager at least **one week before your visit**. Lauren will be able to suggest items to put in the bags, both educational and fun, ensure there is enough stock for your group and have time to make them up ready for your arrival. Contact details:

01792 602 660 or email l.j.thomson@swansea.ac.uk





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