

Discovery session: Discovering Shape

A gallery based session led by V&A museum educators



Display cabinet of painted and carved lacquer on wood, 1720-80, Qing dynasty, Chinese.

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Galleries Visited:

China Gallery – room 44

Age Group:

EYFS & KS1

Summary:

Set within the atmospheric China gallery, this session encourages children to use imagination and experimentation to explore different shapes found in objects and spaces around the museum. By the end of the session they will be able to identify regular shapes as well as investigate the idea of irregular or unusual shapes. Through a hands-on physical approach children will be able to make large shapes in groups, go on a treasure hunt around the gallery to spot shapes hiding in the museum objects and then have a go

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at 'drawing' their own shapes using coloured string inspired by some of the artwork and objects they have seen. For KS1 the session can be extended to include 3D shapes.

Early Learning Goals for the Foundation Stage:

Taking part in this session provides opportunities across the Early Learning Goals for Reception Age children including:

- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
- Explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.
- Communication, language and literacy: Interact with others, negotiating plans and activities, and taking turns in conversation. Extend vocabulary, exploring the meanings and sounds of new words.
- Knowledge and understanding of the world: Investigate objects and materials by using all senses as appropriate.

National Curriculum Links:

This session will contribute to learning about the following:

KS1 Maths

- Recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes

Follow up activities:

Consolidate and extend students learning by drawing, painting or cutting out some of the shapes they found in the museum. Create a collage of the different shapes and use this as a basis for a group landscape or cityscape using printing, paint and collage.

Booking Information:

Available: Monday-Friday

Cost: FREE

Timing: 1 hour beginning at 10.30, 11.45 & 13.00

Capacity: Maximum 30 students per session

Book now: 020 7942 2000