Discovery session: Inspired by the Classics

A gallery based session led by V&A museum educators

Robert Adam Room, Robert Adam, 1771 © Victoria and Albert Museum, London

Key Stage:
KS2

Galleries Visited:
Britain, Rooms 52 – 58, Level 4

Summary:
Find out how Ancient Greek and Roman cultures have inspired artists and designers in later centuries. Discover gods and goddesses, columns, grotesques and other classical designs hidden in architecture, sculpture and art around the Museum. Learn how to identify a classically inspired design and see how many examples you can spot as we travel through the museum.

National Curriculum Links:
This session will contribute to learning about:

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KS2 History

- The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.
- Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.

Follow up activities:
Print off images of classical design features such as columns, egg and dart moulding, vases, festoons etc. Cut them out and collage them over a photograph of your classroom or school building to give it a classical makeover!

Make a game of pairs by drawing images of the classical features you saw in the museum onto pieces of card. Write the names for the features (swags, vases, Apollo, ionic etc) onto another set of cards. Shuffle the cards and place them face down, spread across the table or floor. Take it turns to turn two over and see if you can match the drawing with its name. If they don’t match turn them back over. If they do match you get to keep that pair. The person with the most pairs wins!

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