

## Seaside Gallery Trail for Teachers

For this teacher led activity we suggest that you split the children into small groups with an adult. Each group could start in a different part of the gallery, rotating around at their own pace. These notes can be used by the adults to help facilitate discussion and focus children's attention on points of interest.

### Bathing Costumes

Challenge the children to find the biggest bathing costume on display. This is the sort of costume ladies would have worn to go swimming a hundred years ago. How is it different from swimming costumes today? Why is it much bigger? In those days people thought it was very rude to show off your body at the beach. People wore big costumes to cover themselves up.



### Bathing Machines



People also used bathing machines like the one in this display. They would get changed inside the hut then it would be pulled into to the sea using a horse. The swimmers would then walk down the steps and into the water without being seen by people on the beach. How much would it cost to hire this bathing machine? What else could be hired with the bathing machine?

### Punch & Judy

Use the puppets to create your own Punch & Judy show. Punch and Judy shows have been popular at the seaside for over 200 years. Mr Punch is very naughty and always gets into trouble with his wife Judy.



### Mutoscope

These moving picture shows were found on piers a hundred years ago. In those days there were no TVs and DVDs to watch so this would have been a great novelty. This reel features clips of an early cinema show. At that time the films were all in black and white and had no sound. The Mutoscope works like a big flicker book. Use the flicker book attached to the machine to help explain this to the children. To use the Mutoscope insert 10p in the slot and turn the handle clockwise.

### Buckets and spades

Can you find the old buckets and spades in the gallery? Can you see what they are made from? (metal and wood) How are they different from ones we use at the beach today? What can you see in the pictures?





### Souvenirs

Souvenirs are things people buy to remind themselves of their trip to the seaside. What sorts of souvenirs have the children bought to remember holidays and days out? The souvenirs in the “shop window” display are all from Great Yarmouth and many have pictures of Great Yarmouth in the past.

Some items are useful (teapots, cups etc). Others are ornaments in different shapes. How many ornaments show things you might see at the seaside (lighthouse, boat etc)? How many show different creatures (crab, fish etc). If you could buy one which would you choose? When you have finished looking at the display why not make your own souvenir using the stencil next to the shop window.

### Bathing Costumes Cut Out

Put your head through the holes to see what you would look like wearing old fashioned bathing costumes. Do you think you would like to wear these at the beach? If someone has a camera then you could take a picture to display back at school.



### What would you bring to the seaside?

Can you find this picture in the gallery? In the cases below the picture you can see some things that the three different visitors might have taken with them when they visited the seaside at different times in the past. Can you match the people to the objects? Lift the flap to find the answers. Would you bring different things to the seaside today?

### The Time and Tide Automata

Automata (or mechanical toys) were very popular before batteries or electricity were widely used. Coin operated versions like this one were popular in seafront sideshows. This specially commissioned automata shows scenes and characters from Great Yarmouth, past and present. How many can the children recognise? Where would the acrobats in this picture have performed?

