



Workshop: The Home Front on the High Street

Pupils will use artefacts, replica artefacts, the exhibition and selected archive material to find information and complete tasks.

Duration: 95 minutes **Audience:** KS2, up to 30 children

Location: M&S Company Archive

Learning Objectives:

- To learn about World War Two through the story of M&S
- To understand the nature and purpose of an archive
- To use primary sources to answer questions and explore ideas – historical enquiry
- To find out about what life was like during the war for people in the UK
- To have fun

Workshop Overview:

Activity	Content
Welcome & Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet and greet. • Why are you here? What we are going to do today. • Housekeeping.
What is M&S? What is an archive?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is M&S? What do you already know? • What is an archive? Do you have your own collection? • Why do we preserve objects and documents? • M&S Timeline activity.
Mystery Objects – what are they?	Working in groups, children discover what M&S did during the war by identifying objects from the period.
Explore Exhibition	Children look around exhibition to find out more.
Photographic Evidence	What's happening in the pictures? Children analyse a wartime photo and then devise a sketch to act out what they think happened next/before.
Utility Clothing and Rationing	Children look at 1940s clothing and adverts, and then decide what to spend their clothing coupons on.
Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'My word for today' activity. • What have you learned?