



## Workshop: Packet Perfect for the Planet

Pupils will design and make their own future-proof packaging inspired by our collection. They will discuss what packaging is for and what makes it effective, and find out more about recycling and how to help save the planet.

**Duration:** 2 hours **Audience:** KS2, up to 30 children

**Location:** M&S Company Archive

### Learning Objectives:

- To understand the nature and purpose of packaging
- To design packaging inspired by archive artefacts
- To understand why recycling is important, what M&S does to help the planet and how pupils can play an active role in helping the planet
- To have fun

### Workshop Overview:

Activity	Content
Welcome & Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet and greet</li> <li>• Why are you here? What we are going to do.</li> <li>• Housekeeping</li> </ul>
What is M&S? What is an archive?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is M&amp;S? What do you already know?</li> <li>• What is an archive? Do you have your own collection?</li> <li>• Why do we preserve objects and documents?</li> <li>• M&amp;S Packaging Timeline activity.</li> </ul>
What is packaging all about?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What different functions does packaging have?</li> <li>• Hands-on activity: what information can you find? Why?</li> <li>• Identify recycling messages on packaging.</li> <li>• What is recycling? Why is it important to recycle?</li> <li>• Children discuss different ways to recycle and re-use and how we can all play a part.</li> </ul>
Tour of the building	Group are familiarised with different zones of exhibition.
Finding inspiration 1	Pupils find an example of packaging they like from the exhibition. They record elements they think are really good and say why.
Finding inspiration 2	Pupils find an object/image they like from in the exhibition, that isn't packaging. They record elements they think are really good and say why.
Activity A	Pupils use box worksheets to create a design on a net pattern, for a product of their choice. They have to include recycling and re-use messages in design.
Plenary	Peer review of designs. What makes good packaging – what can we do to recycle more? What have you learned?