

## London History Celebration

At West Hill we have enjoyed dressing up as our favourite Londoner for 'London History Dress-up Day.' This year, we have come up with activities which you can do at home with your family to celebrate our city's unique history and heritage: its historic buildings, sites, communities and heroes.

Over the month of June we invite you to pick an activity from the list below. Tweet or email photos so that we can see what you've been up to. Go to [www.twitter.co.uk](http://www.twitter.co.uk) and find our school @westhillsw18 or you can email any pictures/work to [info@westhill.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:info@westhill.wandsworth.sch.uk).

### Art/ Creative (History) LONDON LANDMARKS



What is your favourite London landmark? Perhaps it is an historic building like the Tower of London or Buckingham Palace. It might be a monument like Nelson's Column or one of the bridges over the River Thames. Perhaps your vote would go to a modern landmark such as the London Eye or The Shard.

**Make a model of your favourite landmark out of whatever materials you have available.** You could use Lego, modelling clay or salt dough, drinking straws or pipe cleaners. Do you have any materials that are waiting to be recycled such as cardboard boxes and tubes, jar lids and cereal packets, tissue paper and bubble wrap? Or think big and use tables, chairs, sheets, blankets, buckets and brooms. Don't forget to take a photo so that your teachers and friends can see it too!

### Well being RAINBOWS OF HOPE

During the Second World War the dome of St Paul's Cathedral was a symbol of hope for Londoners. Today Londoners are putting pictures of rainbows in their windows, which are a symbol of hope in many cultures. Rainbows appear when the sun shines through rain and the water droplets break the light into different colours. The rainbows in our windows are a sign that, although we are hidden away, we're still all connected to our families and communities. They also show that we are hopeful for the future.



**Why not make some rainbows to decorate your home?** Draw them onto cardboard, model them out of salt dough or make them out of felt. Then make a hole at the top to thread a cord or ribbon through and hang them up. If you have a garden, you could collect twigs or small sticks and paint them different colours. Make a rainbow wind chime by hanging them from a longer stick.



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**Why not eat a rainbow!** Thread cubes or slices of different coloured fruit or vegetables onto wooden skewers to make rainbow kebabs. Use food colouring to make coloured popcorn, decorate biscuits with coloured icing sugar, or just enjoy a bowl of ice cream with coloured sprinkles!



### OUR DAY OUT (AT HOME!)

If you could go out for the day to celebrate London History Day where would you go? Somewhere you've been to before or somewhere new? Would it be quite close to home or in another part of the city? You could go on a river boat trip and visit one of London's historic ships. Maybe explore a museum or art gallery. Perhaps you'd like to visit an historic house, palace, castle, or public building. Or see a statue of a famous person or a monument to a famous event. Or do lots of different things!

How would you travel there? Perhaps you'd go on a bus or a train, or the London Underground. Would you take a picnic or go to a café, takeaway or restaurant?

**Plan your day out as a family then see if you can create it as a series of photos!** Use your imagination and things around your home. For example, make a carriage on the London Underground using chairs and take a selfie of you all! Collect a selection of objects to admire in a 'museum'. Cut pictures out of magazines to create the wall of an art gallery. Set a table to look like one in a café, or put a rug on the floor, and eat a real afternoon tea or picnic.

