



## Family Learning Project Autumn 2016

**Past...present...or imagine the future. The choice is yours! Your project can be presented in any way you choose and can explore any aspect of our capital city. Stuck for ideas? The following tips may help you. If you need any help with getting started, or support putting your project together, just get in touch through our email [admin@montbelle.org.uk](mailto:admin@montbelle.org.uk). Projects are due in after the half-term holiday.**

**History on your doorstep...** Take a woodland walk to find Severndroog Castle. Or make a visit to Eltham Palace to discover Eltham through the ages. Or jump on a bus to Danson Park to discover Danson House. Whilst you're in the area, pop over to visit the Red House and find out about William Morris.

[www.severndroogcastle.org.uk](http://www.severndroogcastle.org.uk)  
<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/>  
<http://www.bexley.gov.uk/article/3207/Danson-House>  
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/red-house>



**It's all free...** We live in a city where visiting our museums is free! Marvel at the Mummies at the British Museum, peer at the portraits at the National Gallery, seek out the swans, ducks and pelicans (yes, pelicans!) in St James' Park, or gaze at the golden Lord Mayor's coach in the Museum of London.

**Planning your route...** use public transport [www.tfl.org.uk](http://www.tfl.org.uk) to travel. Or, pull on a pair of walking shoes and see how many blue plaques you can find – research the story of the person behind the plaque!

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/blue-plaques/>



**9** Celebrities share their dreams inside spectacular dream jars to commemorate Roald Dahl

**Roald Dahl – Centenary 2016** is the centenary of the birth of Roald Dahl and you may have visited London during the Summer break to take part in the BFG 'Dream Jar' trail. If you did follow the trail, you could write about your favourite jars. Alternatively, you could create your own 'Dream Jar' and describe what you would put inside it.



**Old Father Thames...** Take a walk along the Thames from London Bridge to the London Eye, past famous landmarks including the Tate Modern and the Globe. You could read some Shakespeare, or create your own work of art. Did you know that the Thames used to freeze and big 'Frost Fairs' would be held on the ice? Imagine that!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-25862141>



**The Great Fire of London 2016** marks the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Fire. Find out the history of this event and how it changed the landscape of London and shaped the future of the London Fire Brigade.

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/>  
<http://www.london-fire.gov.uk/great-fire-of-london.asp>  
<http://www.visitlondon.com/greatfire350>



### Have you ever heard of Thomas Coram?

He was a philanthropist who created the London Foundling Hospital in Lamb's Conduit Fields, Bloomsbury to look after abandoned children.

You can still play in Coram's Fields where there is a great play area and a small farm to visit (adults are only allowed to enter Coram's Fields if they have a child with them!).

When you've had a good run about, walk the short distance to the original Foundling Hospital to find out all about the history. You could write the story of one of the children who was left at the hospital, or one of the mothers who had to hand over her child.

<http://foundlingmuseum.org.uk/>

Did you know? Jacqueline Wilson's book, 'Hetty Feather' is about Coram's Foundlings.