

Mrs Beeton and the Railways

Session takes approx. 90 mins

Aim: To discover who Mrs Beeton was, why she was famous and why her story is so important to the history of Harrow. Find out more about the Victorian Period in Harrow through artefacts.

Session breakdown

Whole class: Discussion of the Mrs Beeton story and how this relates to the growth of London in Victorian times and the arrival of the railways in Harrow. Includes role play!

Object handling (half the class): What do objects tell us about Victorian home life?

Creative activity (half the class): Examine Mrs Beeton's Book of Household Management and discover how she changed the way we write recipes today. Create illustrations based on the book and make a poster to take back to class.

Curriculum Links:

- History: a study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality
- Historical questioning skills.
- The lives of significant individuals