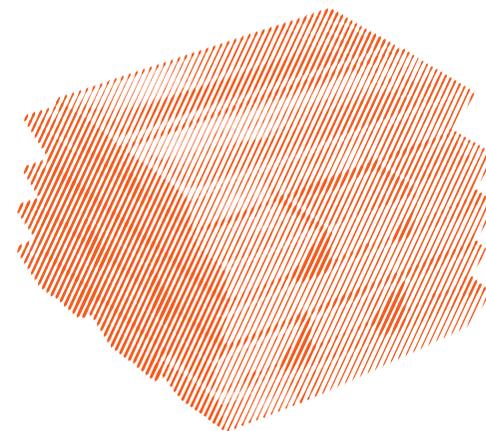




Family home activity sheet for younger children



Information

We have picked some items from our Collections as the starting point for some activities for you to do at home.

This is a family activity so we suggest asking your adult to help you!

Key:



Drawing activity



Written activity

Activity 1

This is a gold 'guinea' coin from 1692. Guineas were made between 1663 and 1814. This coin has King William III and Queen Mary II on it. They were the king and queen of Great Britain when the Bank of England started out in 1694.



How many coins can you find at home?

Which kind of coins do you have the most of?





Activity 2

These are toy soldiers from the 1960s. We used to have a group of soldiers that we called Piquet Soldiers. From 1780 until 1973, they stayed overnight to guard the Bank of England.

What is your favourite toy?

Describe or draw it on this page.





Activity 3

This clock is made of mahogany wood. It is a special wood with reddish brown colour that is used to make furniture. It has been used in the Bank since 1871.



How many clocks or watches do you have at home? Write down your answer

Activity 4

This is a pepper shaker that was used in the Governor's dining room in 1757. The Governor is the head of the Bank of England. The pepper shaker is made of silver and was only used on special occasions.



How do you celebrate special occasions?

Do you eat different food or put up decorations?

Write down your answers.



Activity 5

Between 1925 and 1939 the building we work in on Threadneedle Street was knocked down and completely rebuilt, and made much bigger. This is a tile that was designed for the new Bank building in 1932. It shows Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom.

Do you have any tiles at home?

What room(s) are they in?

Do they have an interesting pattern?

Draw them on this page.





Activity 6

Go on a treasure hunt around your house. Find one object for each item on the list below and write them down.



Something really old

Something really big

Something new

Something really small

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