

ARTefacts

The Museum Tree

Reading Museum in collaboration with St Martin's Primary School,
Wilson Primary School and artist Jon Lockhart



Two Reading primary school classes (Reception and Year 1) have created their own 'objects' inspired by teacher and pupil visits to Reading Museum. The work developed during a series of twilight making sessions for the teachers at Open Hand Open Space Artists Studios, also in Reading. We borrowed a series of objects from the museum loan service to reinforce our ideas and to help the pupils with their creative explorations.

The work on display represents elements from a larger installation called 'The Museum Tree' which

will be on display in Reading in March. The installation required a wide range of skills such as weaving, felt making, printing, paper making, sculpture and drawing. All the participants helped to create a very large woven 'museum' tree which then contained their 'objects'. These ranged from natural forms inspired by the museum loan service, to representations of possessions that are meaningful to the students, staff and the lead artist Jon Lockhart.

Many thanks to all partners of the project.
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