

Summer Arts Boredom Busters

# Time Travel!

**Look back to the past, explore your world and imagine the future!**

As London emerges from lockdown and recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, we're inviting families to celebrate summer and get creative. Our weekly Summer Arts Boredom Busters will help you to keep busy, stay well, and stop your kids bouncing off the walls! This week we invite you to **travel back through time** and **imagine the future!**



## About A New Direction

A New Direction is a London-based non-profit, generating opportunities for children and young people to unlock their creativity. We work with partners across education, culture and the creative industries, local government and business, to support children and young people to be creative and experience culture, while identifying areas of inequality and campaigning for policy change.

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## Explore...

Throughout spring and summer, Company Three worked with young people's theatre groups from around the world to create a Coronavirus Time Capsule. Visit the time capsule website and watch and listen to the stories it contains. What would you put in your own time capsule? Are there any videos, artworks or objects from your home you'd like to include?

<https://www.coronavirus.timecapsule.com/>

## Try...

Letters and diaries help us understand what happened in the past. Check out the diary and doodles of Earnest Baker – a teenager living in an Almshouse in Hackney in 1882. Visit the Museum of the Home online and then create a doodle diary to capture your day!

<https://www.museumofthehome.org.uk/explore/things-to-do/scribbles-and-doodles/>

## Listen...

Since April the London Symphony Orchestra have been hosting regular 'coffee sessions' with music selected and played by the LSO's musicians. Have a listen and travel through time from classical concertos to modern jazz quartets!

<https://lso.co.uk/whats-on/alwaysplaying/coffeesessions.html>

## Play...

Explore the Great Fire of London online and find out how this one event completely changed and reshaped the City of London. Play the online game, explore stories connected to the fire, and see a modern re-telling via Minecraft!

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>

## Watch...

We can learn a lot about the past from watching films, including how people in the past imagined the future. Watch Fugitive Futurist on the BFI Player to see what people in 1924 imagined life in London might be like today. What do you think life will be like in 100 years' time...?

<https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-fugitive-futurist-1924-online>

## Go Further...

If you've enjoyed the activities above and want to take it further, you can try some of these easy to follow activities

- Make a time capsule using this step-by-step guide from The Sill:

<https://www.thesill.org.uk/make-a-time-capsule/>

- Make a futuristic portrait with Tate Kids:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/make/art-technology/make-futuristic-portrait>

- Follow the steps in our blog post by Nimble Fish that suggests way to play with time at home:

<https://www.anewdirection.org.uk/blog/keeping-creative-at-home-how-to-play-with-time>

**Share your creations on social media with the hashtag #SummerArtsBoredomBusters**

Have you made a discovery about the past or created a new vision for the future? After a busy week of boredom busting, be sure to share your creations with us by tagging:

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We look forward to seeing your brilliant creations!

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