



Science



MICROSCOPY

Key Stage: 3

Length: 1-2 hours (adaptable)

Maximum number: See [Planning a visit](#)

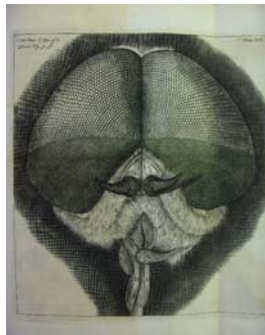
The Museum has a fine collection of microscopes from the earliest types used by Anton von Leeuwenhoek and Robert Hooke to the more elaborate ones of the nineteenth century.

This session is designed to give students an insight into the invention of the microscope in the seventeenth century and how it opened up a whole new world never dreamt of before.

An opportunity to look at historic books from the library, including an early edition of Robert Hooke's 'Micrographia' (1665) which featured extraordinary drawings of this invisible world, will help students understand the significance of new methods of empirical observation and the sense of wonder that it instilled.

Students will be able to examine historical instruments and find out how they were used during an age in which microscopy became a popular pursuit and the amateur naturalist was able to make a significant contribution to science.

This session offers particular insights into **how science works**.



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