**Activity 3: Printing at the Armarie Room**

**Collection Areas:** Nelson Mail Printery, The Armarie Room, number 5 on the map.

**Curriculum Links:**

* **The Arts**: Understanding the Arts in Context, Developing Practical Knowledge, Developing Ideas and Communicating and Interpreting.
* **Technology**: Technological Practice, Technological Knowledge, Nature of Technology.
* **Social Sciences.**
* **English:** Speaking, Writing, and Presenting.

**Topics/Themes:** Technology and the development of technology, Art, History.

**Information for teachers:**

The Armarie Room is a fine art and letterpress printery in the Nelson Mail Building at Founders Heritage Park. This is an operating workspace space by professional artist and printmaker, Renee Hadlow. School groups are encouraged to enrich their visit to Founders by booking a workshop with Renee. Please directly contact The Armarie Room to discuss fees, bookings and requirements. Renee is experienced with running workshops and tours for children and school groups.

This workspace provides many opportunities for further inquiry topics such as changing technologies, the accessibility of education and literature through the ages, and The Arts curriculum. In these workshops, students will have the opportunity to use machinery that is over 100 years old.

**Link to website and contact:**

<https://thearmarieroom.com/what-we-do>

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**Activity options:**

There are three options for The Armarie Room;

1. The first option is a quick and simple activity in which the students will be able to have a look around The Armarie Room and use the hand press to create a bookmark or a swing tag which they can take home. There are two hand printing presses available for the students to use and also a typewriter they may be able to have a turn at using. This activity would take around 5-10mintues per group.
2. The second option will take around 20-30mintues and allows the students to interact with more of the equipment. There would be approximately four activities in which the students would take turns doing in rotation. The artworks the students create will be able to be taken home or back to class to display.
   * The Typographer - students will have turns at writing a small expert about themselves or their school.
   * The Handpress - students will create a bookmark or a swing tag.
   * The Albion Press - students will create a poster in pairs.
   * Hand Printing - using wooden press tools.
3. There is a third option for the teacher to discuss with Renee and develop some catered activities.