

Monster Hunt

School Session Overview

October 2025

Key information	
<p>Length of session: 45 mins</p> <p>Key Stage: EYFS</p> <p>Location(s) of session: National Maritime Museum - Ocean Court, Pacific Encounters Gallery, Sea Things gallery</p>	
Learning objectives	Curriculum links
<p>Learners will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore Museum objects using songs and role play Use imagination to travel across different landscapes from a tall rocky cliff to the big blue ocean Develop communication skills 	<p>EYFS Communication & Language, Literacy, Expressive arts and design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop language through conversation, storytelling and role play Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary
Key words	
<p>Monster, ocean, Albatross, Iguana, explore, sails/sailing</p>	
Overview of the session	
<p>This multi-sensory session has been inspired by Michael Rosen's classic story <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i>. It involves moving around the Museum as a group</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>Learners are invited to look for a monster hiding in the Museum by exploring the galleries and looking for puzzle-piece clues. They are encouraged to join in the refrain 'we're going on a monster hunt, we're going to catch a big one, what a beautiful day, we're not scared!'</p> <p>Exploration of the galleries</p> <p>Learners move through Ocean Court, up the stairs, onto the Ocean Map, through the Pacific Encounters Gallery and into the Sea Things gallery. Along the way they roleplay overcoming obstacles such as a deep blue sea or a rocky mountain and find puzzle pieces that fit together to make a picture of the monster they are looking for. At each stopping point learners are encouraged to join in the refrain 'we're going on a monster hunt...'</p> <p>Sea Things Gallery</p> <p>The session ends here where learners find the monster hiding amongst the ship badges. There is the opportunity to draw and design their own ship badges in the gallery after the session.</p>	

Suggested pre visit knowledge/ activities	Suggested post visit activities
<p>Explain the National Maritime Museum is a museum about ships, exploration and the sea.</p> <p>Read stories about exploring as a class e.g. <i>We're going on a bear hunt</i> by Michael Rosen and <i>We're going to find the Monster</i> by Malorie Blackman.</p>	<p>Learners could go on their own monster hunt back in class exploring classroom and playground spaces.</p> <p>Learners could design their own monsters inspired by their visit to the Museum.</p>
Links to useful resources	
The Ocean Map Royal Museums Greenwich The Sea Things Gallery Royal Museums Greenwich	