

Meet a Pirate

School Session Overview

October 2025

| Key information | |
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| Length of session: 60 mins Key Stage: KS1 Location(s) of session: National Maritime Museum, All Hands Gallery | |
| Learning objectives | Curriculum links |
| Learners will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet a female pirate who will teach them everything they need to know to succeed on the high seas • Develop enquiry skills as they go on a treasure hunt around the Museum • Collect ideas and inspiration for writing their own pirate stories | KS1 Literacy, History, Geography, Drama <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about significant historical events, people and places in their own locality (Deptford/Greenwich) • Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding. • Have opportunities to improvise, devise and script drama for one another and a range of audiences, as well as to rehearse, refine, share and respond thoughtfully to drama |
| Key words | |
| pirate, scuttle, ahoy, treasure, spices | |
| Overview of the session | |
| <p>This session takes place in the All Hands gallery which features immersive ship and dock environments that learners can touch and interact with.</p> <p>Learners meet a pirate actor character named Alice Leghorn who tells stories of life on the high seas and engages learners through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • call and response • games • group and pair work on pirate names & poses • question and answer time <p>Before or after the session learners can use the Treasure Ahoy trail to explore the galleries and record the treasures they find in the displays. Groups are given printed trails on arrival.</p> <p>For the full pirate experience, we encourage all children and teachers to come dressed in appropriate swashbuckling attire.</p> | |

| Suggested pre visit knowledge/ activities | Suggested post visit activities |
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| Learners could research what pirates wear before their visit and read stories featuring pirates as a class. | Learners could use what they can remember from Alice Leghorn and the treasures they saw at the Museum as starting points to write their own pirate stories. |
| Links to useful resources | |
| Gallery trails Royal Museums Greenwich (Treasure Ahoy trail) Female Pirates Royal Museums Greenwich Stories from the Sea: Pirates Royal Museums Greenwich | |
| Content guidance | |
| Conversation on Pirates (which could involve violence and crime) | |