

Migration: Our Shared Story

School Session Overview October 2025

Key information	
Length of session: 1 hour 30 minutes	
Key Stage: KS2	
Location(s) of session: Classroom and Gallery (Traders)	
Learning objectives	Curriculum links
 Learners will: Understand what migration is and consider reasons why people would migrate to and from Britain Explore the Traders Gallery to discover how Britain's connections with South Asia shaped migration Use objects to investigate individual stories and be able to put them into a wider 	 KS2 History A study of an aspect or theme in British History that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources

Key words

context.

migration, immigration, push-and-pull, legacy, trade, Empire

Overview of the session

Introduction

As a whole class the facilitator leads a discussion about what migration is and why people migrate. Learners are encouraged to share stories of migration they know.

Object handling—Individual immigrants from South Asia

In five groups, learners handle replica objects and look at images of people who migrated to Britain from South Asia in the past. They consider their reasons for coming, their experiences and as a class compare and contrast the individuals.

Gallery visit—Traders

The class investigates an individual who migrated from Britain to South Asia and thinks about the migration of objects from Asia to the Museum.

Object handling—Impact of migration

In five groups, learners handle objects to help them consider some of the impacts South Asian immigration has had on Britain.

Conclusion

As a class learners discuss what the connections might be between migration from South Asia and other parts of the world.

Suggested pre visit knowledge/ activities	Suggested post visit activities
An understanding of what migration is and why	The Migration, Heritage and Belonging resource
people migrate is useful but not essential for this	(link below) has various collection images and
session. Links can be made to migration studied	activities to encourage greater thinking about
in class including Vikings, Romans and people	migration.
who migrated from the Caribbean.	

Links to useful resources

Migration, Heritage and Belonging Key Stage 2 | Royal Museums Greenwich

Content guidance

Children with traumatic personal stories of migration may find discussing this topic more difficult and we encourage teachers to prepare and support them. Do let us know when you book if there is anything we should be aware of. Issues of racism, colonialism and control will be discussed in a sensitive and age-appropriate manner.