



NATIONAL
MARITIME MUSEUM
GREENWICH

SEND family poetry workshop: Visual Guide

When you get to the Museum

These SEND family poetry sessions are fun workshop created for families to join in with. They takes place during the National Maritime Museum's opening hours.

Sessions start at 10.30am, 12pm and 2pm.

Check your ticket to see which time yours begins.

We recommend coming to the Romney Road entrance of the Museum.



When you come in

When you come in, a member of staff will welcome you. Let them know that you have arrived for SEND family poetry workshop in the Group Space and they will show you where to go.

By the entrance you can also find the toilets.



The welcome area



The toilets

The Group Space

These sessions take place in the Group Space. This is right by the Romney Road entrance to the Museum. It is the first door on the right after you come in.

The door to the Group Space is automatic. To enter, press the button by the door.

The Group Space has a laminate tile floor and windows that allow natural light into the space. There are some soft and hard benches in the space and other seating can be provided.



People you'll meet

The session will be run by Simon Mole and Gecko.

Simon Mole is a poet. He has over fifteen years' experience as a rap and poetry artist and also writes books. His latest book is featured on the Franco Manca pizza menu! That's worth a cheesy smile!

His favourite sea creature is an ichthyosaur -who were around at the same time as the dinosaurs and were discovered by Mary Anning when she was just 12 years old!

Gecko is a singer storyteller. That's a fancy way of saying his songs usually have quite a lot of words in. He is a regular performer at a big music festival called Glastonbury festival and loves writing songs about animals.

His favourite sea creature is a sea otter because they hold hands with each other when they sleep so they don't drift away from each other and that is well cute!



Simon Mole



Gecko

There may also be someone from the Families team to support the session. This is not always the same person. They may have been the person emailing you, ahead of your session.

Visitor Experience staff wear blue uniform. They also wear a badge and carry a radio.

Anyone who works at the Museum can help if there



During the SEND family poetry workshop

Check your ticket for your start time. Please aim to arrive at the Group Space at the start of this timeslot.

You can bring your own food into the Group Space if you like.

In the session you will meet Simon Mole & Gecko. They will share some poems and songs. Gecko will play the guitar and sing, Simon will also sing and rap. You will have the opportunity to play some fun games. Simon Mole & Gecko will help you to write a poem or song of your own inspired by the sea. You might want your responsible adult to help you write down some ideas.

At any time you can leave the session to go home or explore the museum, we don't mind. If you need to leave the room during the session, your adult must stay with you. You can come back whenever you're ready.

A sensory tent will be available in the room during the workshop. You can use this whenever you want.

If you need to take a break and have a quiet moment at any point, speak with a member of the team and they will show you where to go.



Calmer spaces



If we all need to leave the Museum quickly:

If we need to leave quickly during the session, you will hear an alarm ringing in the building.

That means we all need to leave the building quickly and calmly. Just follow a member of staff or these signs.



At the end of the workshop

The sessions will run for about 45 minutes.

When the session is finished, you can explore more of the museum or you might go home.

We have trails and backpacks that you can borrow to enjoy the museum at your own pace.

