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**Early Years and
Primary Schools Programme**

National Maritime Museum
The Queen's House

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National Maritime Museum

Visit the world's largest maritime museum to discover epic stories of Britain's relationship with the sea and the world beyond. Venture into our four new galleries: 'Polar Worlds', 'Pacific Encounters', 'Tudor and Stuart Seafarers', and 'Sea Things'.

Discover the delights of the Museum including the Great Map, two dedicated children's galleries, plus hundreds of objects to behold. The Museum is your extended classroom for you to explore!



Early years and primary schools at the National Maritime Museum

Our early years and primary school programmes support pupils to use our Museum and collections to build visual literacy, critical thinking, historical enquiry and language skills. We invite pupils to use their imagination and activate their curiosity to ask questions, create stories, play and take a really close look at the things around us.

Choose from an exciting range of cross-curricular facilitated sessions and build a rich learning experience by adding a visit to one of our children's galleries or the Great Map, along with one of our exciting gallery trails.

Brimming with adventure, the National Maritime Museum is the perfect learning environment for your pupils to undertake a voyage of discovery.



My First Visit: Monster Hunt

Embark on an epic monster hunt and follow the clues to find the monster hidden in the depths of the Museum. This multi-sensory session has been inspired by Michael Rosen's classic story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

Key stage: EYFS
Curriculum links: Understanding the World, Communication and Language, Literacy
Session times: Thursdays 10.15 | 11.00 | 12.20 | 13.05
Capacity: 15 children per session
Session price: £30 per session
Free for Greenwich schools



Children will:

- explore Museum objects using songs and role play
- use imagination to travel across different landscapes from the big blue ocean to a tall rocky cliff
- develop communication skills

We Are Explorers

Professor C. Breeze is missing! The National Maritime Museum needs your pupils to use their enquiry skills and imagination to work out what has happened to the Professor and to identify the skills and objects that explorers need to survive in the Arctic and Pacific Oceans.

Key stage: EYFS and KS1
Curriculum links: Literacy, Geography, History
Session times: Wednesdays 10.15 | 11.15 | 12.30 | 13.30
Capacity: 15 pupils per session
Session price: £30 per session
Free for Greenwich schools



Pupils will:

- handle museum objects to piece together the clues
- use imagination and enquiry skills
- develop literacy skills to tell the rest of Professor C. Breeze's story

My First Visit: The Captain's Treasure

Rummage through the treasure chest of Captain Francis Drake to discover what kind of precious things pirates collected in the past, before setting off across the stormy seas on your own exciting voyage.

Key stage: EYFS
Curriculum links: Understanding the World, Communication and Language, Literacy
Session times: Thursdays 10.15 | 11.00 | 12.20 | 13.05
Capacity: 15 children per session
Session price: £30 per session
Free for Greenwich schools



Children will:

- activate their senses by exploring their treasure through smell, touch, sound and sight
- use enquiry and curiosity to navigate their voyage through the Museum
- develop communication skills

Pirate Day

Ahoy me hearties! Jump aboard the pirate ship as we set sail on a full day of swashbuckling adventures. For the full pirate experience, we encourage all pirates to come dressed in appropriate swashbuckling attire.

Key stage: KS1
Curriculum links: Literacy, Geography, History
Session times: Fridays 10.15–14.00
Capacity: 30 pupils per session
Session price: £60 per session
Free for Greenwich schools



Pupils will:

- meet a female pirate who will teach them everything they need to know to be a proper pirate
- develop enquiry skills as they go on a treasure hunt around the Museum
- use play and independent learning skills as they work on deck in our AHOY! Children's Gallery

The World for Breakfast

Journey around the world to find out where your breakfast comes from and how it sailed across the sea to us.

Key stage: KS1
Curriculum links: Geography, History, Maths
Session times: Thursdays 10.15 | 11.30 | 13.00
Capacity: 30 pupils per session
Session price: £60 per session
Free for Greenwich schools



Pupils will:

- use investigation skills to examine maps, pictures and objects
- activate their senses to explore natural products up-close
- learn about other parts of the world and find out about worldwide trade

Titanic: Frozen in Time

All aboard RMS *Titanic*! Spend an action-packed day as a passenger or crew member on board the world's most famous ship before it sinks to the depths of the Atlantic Ocean.

Key stage: KS1 and KS2
Curriculum links: Literacy, History, Maths
Session times: Mondays 10.15–14.00
Capacity: 30 pupils per session
Session price: £60 per session
Free for Greenwich schools



Pupils will:

- investigate real objects and archives from the *Titanic*
- immerse themselves as real characters from the ship and meet historical actor characters along the way
- develop their imagination and literacy skills



Meet the Vikings: Raiders, Invaders, Traders

Dig up the past to examine Viking graves, vessels and artefacts, and step into the shoes of a Viking to discover how their seafaring talents took them far and wide across the globe.



Key stage: KS2
Curriculum links: Geography, History
Session times: Mondays and Thursdays 10.15 | 11.30 | 13.00
Capacity: 30 pupils per session
Session price: £60 per session
Free for Greenwich schools

Pupils will:

- investigate what made the Vikings unique as raiders, invaders and traders
- handle replica artefacts and clothing to step into the shoes of a Viking
- develop enquiry, reasoning and communication skills

Explorer Day

Launch into a voyage through the Museum's exploration galleries to discover the skills and knowledge needed to explore oceans and survive the most extreme environments on Earth.



Key stage: KS2
Curriculum links: Geography, History
Session times: Fridays 10.15–14.00
Capacity: 30 pupils per session
Session price: £60 per session
Free for Greenwich schools

Pupils will:

- gather the tools, skills and qualities they need to become explorers during this full-day expedition
- find out about different historical and contemporary explorers from around the world, and draw their own comparisons
- interact with museum artefacts, read maps and develop their investigation skills

Archive Adventures: Polar Explorers

Set off on an epic adventure with Tom Crean into the Museum's new 'Polar Worlds' gallery to discover how he survived three expeditions to Antarctica with famous explorers Scott and Shackleton.



Key stage: KS2
Curriculum links: History, Literacy
Session times: Wednesdays 10.15 | 11.15 | 12.30 | 13.00
Capacity: 15 pupils per session
Session price: £30 per session
Free for Greenwich schools

Pupils will:

- handle museum archives and artefacts to discover how and why explorers went to the freezing polar regions
- meet a character actor who will take them on an immersive journey to Antarctica
- develop imagination and historical enquiry skills



The Queen's House

Step inside Inigo Jones' architectural masterpiece to uncover our spectacular art collection and centuries of royal history, set within the grounds of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Maritime Greenwich.

Marvel at artworks by renowned artists such as Hogarth, Lowry and the van de Veldes, and see pioneering paintings such as *Elizabeth I, the Armada Portrait* and our new acquisition *The Ship of Fools* by Kehinde Wiley.



Primary schools at the Queen's House

The Queen's House primary schools programme supports pupils to take their first steps in developing their artistic knowledge and building creative skills, taking inspiration from our beautiful surroundings and our stunning historical and contemporary artworks.



Art Inspirations: Sketching the Sea

Voyage through our galleries with an artist educator to discover how the sea inspires artists from the past and present. Explore how painters use colour, line, texture, pattern and tone to convey mood and feeling, movement, stillness and day and night.

Key stage:	KS1 and KS2
Curriculum links:	Art and Design, History, Geography
Session times:	Tuesdays 10.15 12.30
Capacity:	30 pupils per session
Session price:	£60 per session Free for Greenwich schools



Pupils will:

- work alongside a professional artist
- develop observational drawing skills
- learn experimental techniques
- create their own art inspired by our spectacular collection

Art Inspirations: Portraits

How do artists portray the personality, power and position of a person in a single portrait? Investigate how poses, costume and background impact on the interpretation and meaning of portraits.

Key stage:	KS1 and KS2
Curriculum links:	Art and Design, History, Geography
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Pupils will:

- work alongside a professional artist
- develop observational and enquiry skills
- learn the secret of drawing faces
- use creative techniques to produce their own portrait





All Hands Children's Gallery

Key Stage 2 school groups booking a visit to the Museum can choose a free session in our All Hands Children's Gallery for an exciting day of activities.

Discover first-hand where sailors slept, what they ate, and the many dangerous and skilled jobs they did as they sailed around the world. Fire the cannon, steer the ship, hoist the sail and navigate the seven seas – and don't forget to look out for rats and weevils!

Key stage: KS2
Curriculum links: Geography, History
Session price: Free



Make a day of it!

If you wish to plan a full day visit, we have a number of self-directed offers at the National Maritime Museum and the Queen's House. Travel around the world on our Great Map with our interactive iPads, visit our children's galleries – AHOY! or All Hands – or select a trail to help you explore the Museum. Please book in advance.

AHOY! Children's Gallery

This gallery encourages learning through play and exploration, enabling children to find out about ships and the sea in a stimulating, fun-filled way. So jump aboard and fire up your imaginations.

Key stage: EYFS and KS1
Curriculum links: Maths, Literacy, Understanding the World
Session price: Free

Children can:

- stoke the boiler of a steamship
- dress up as a passenger on a 1920s cruise liner
- buy and sell fish in the fish market
- fire a cannon in a sea battle
- plot your course in the captain's cabin
- catch seaside creatures in the rock pools
- steer an icebreaker through the polar ice



The Great Map

Travel around the world on the Museum's giant map. Request our digital tablets to access the Greatest Explorer app that helps children discover distant lands, historic voyagers and to understand their global connections.

Key stage: KS1 and KS2
Curriculum links: Geography, History
Session price: Free



Trails

You can download gallery trails from our website or request a free gallery trail to accompany your visit which will be issued to your pupils on arrival at the museum. Choose from a wide range of different trails.

Key stage: EYFS, KS1 and KS2
Curriculum links: Geography, History, Literacy
Session price: Free

Trails include:

- Treasure Ahoy! (EYFS/KS1)
- Highlights (EYFS/KS1)
- Find a Favourite (KS2)
- Nelson's Ship in a Bottle (KS2)
- Story Ship (KS2)
- British Empire (KS3)



Book your visit

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Online resources

We have a range of learning resources available online to support pre and post-visit activities to the National Maritime Museum and the Queen's House:
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Arts Award

The National Maritime Museum and the Queen's House is an official Arts Award Supporter. If your pupils are working towards an Arts Award at any level from Discover through to Gold, a visit can support their work and can be documented for their evidence. To find out more about Arts Award, visit artsaward.org.uk

Coming soon: New creative sessions

We are looking for schools to support the development of current and new creative sessions at the Queens House. If you would like to help shape these sessions, please contact our Schools Learning Producer:
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Teachers

We provide FREE CPD training sessions for teachers which we can deliver at the National Maritime Museum or at your school. We can also host your teacher event free of charge at either the Queen's House or the National Maritime Museum. Email learning@rmg.co.uk for more information.