

Session outline

Pirate Day

Key Stage 1

This fun, exciting day immerses children in the world of pirates long ago and provides them with the inspiration they need to write creative stories set on the high seas. A variety of activities are timetabled for classes throughout the day, each lasting approx. 45 minutes.

Meet a female pirate: ahoy there me hearties! Learn to walk and talk like a pirate at the Pirate Academy. Children meet our friendly pirate actor character and participate in fun activities such as singing a pirate song and designing their own Jolly Roger.

All Hands interactive gallery session: scrub the decks and fire the cannon! A hands-on session designed especially for young pirates. Guided by a Visitor Assistant, children explore the interactive exhibits in the children's gallery to gain a deeper understanding of what life was like onboard ship in the age of sail.

Pirate treasure trail: self-directed time exploring the galleries to find treasures to add to children's own treasure chests. Children sketch the objects they find onto a net of a pirate treasure chest which can then be folded and stuck together back at school to create a 3D chest to fill with children's own treasures.

The day runs from 10.15 until 14.00 and a detailed timetable with timings for each activity and a 12.30 lunch slot will be handed out on the day of your visit.

Suggested pre-visit activities

There are lots of supporting activities available on the Stories from the Sea resource on the National Maritime Museum website. The Stories from the Sea resource supports teachers in using museum objects, paintings and manuscripts to develop children's skills in writing.

<http://www.rmg.co.uk/schools/national-maritime-museum/projects/stories-from-the-sea/>