

The Little Mermaid and Other Fishy Tales

Please use this information to help you and your pupils get the most from your visit.



Your workshop

Workshop name	The Little Mermaid and Other Fishy Tales
Meeting point	<i>Marine Invertebrates</i> gallery, Blue Zone, Ground Floor. Please wait by the gallery five minutes before the start time.
Start time	11.30 13.00
Duration	30 minutes
Minimum ratio	For Year 1 and Year 2, 1 adult : 8 pupils For Nursery and Reception, 1 adult : 6 pupils
Maximum group size	60 pupils for Year 1 and Year 2 45 pupils for Nursery and Reception Please ensure you meet the minimum adult : pupil ratio.

About the workshop

This is an interactive puppet show that uses storytelling to explore natural history and curriculum science in a fun and engaging way. It is suitable for pupils in Nursery (3+), Reception and Key Stage 1. During the show, pupils will be seated on the floor.

A note about behaviour

Our experienced puppeteer will lead your workshop. We work hard to make it an inspiring and inclusive experience for all pupils and we rarely have problems with behaviour. However, teachers have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support us with this where necessary. Pupils benefit significantly when teachers and accompanying adults also get involved, so please do join in when appropriate.

National Curriculum links

This activity's content falls within the following statements, but does not necessarily support the breadth of content to which the statement refers.

Early Years Foundation Stage:

The early learning goals

Prime areas of **communication and language**:

- listening and attention
- understanding
- speaking

Prime areas of **physical development**:

- moving and handling

Prime areas of **personal, social and emotional development**:

- self-confidence and self-awareness
- managing feelings and behaviour
- making relationships

Specific areas of **mathematics**:

- numbers
- shape, space and measures

Specific areas of **understanding the world**:

- the world

Specific areas of **Mathematics**:

- Numbers
- Shape, space and measures

Science

Key Stage 1 programme of study – Years 1 and 2

Working scientifically

- asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
- identifying and classifying
- using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions

Year 1 programme of study

Animals, including humans

Pupils should be taught to:

- identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals
- describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets)

Year 2 programme of study

Living things and their habitats

Pupils should be taught to:

- explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive
- identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats

English

Key Stages 1 and 2

Spoken language

Pupils should be taught to:

- listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
- maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
- speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English