

# Warrior Outreach

## Jesse - the ship's cat



**Target audience: Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1**

### **About the workshop:**

In this workshop, children find out about life on a Victorian warship through storytelling, role-play and object handling. Children hear the story of Jesse the cat and her kittens, who introduce them to aspects of life on board. They then get the chance to handle some objects from the ship and take part in costumed role-play and additional activities.

### **Curriculum links:**

Foundation Stage: Knowledge & Understanding of the World, Communication, Language and Literacy, Creative Development

English (En1): 1a-1f, 2a-2e, 3a, 3b, 3e, 8c, 8d, 9a, 9b, 10b

History: 1a, 1b, 2b, 4a, 4b, 6b and QCA Unit 2

### **Learning objectives:**

Pupils will:

- Recall that Warrior is a Victorian warship, made from iron and powered by sail and steam.
- Use appropriate language to describe parts of the ship (deck, mess, galley, hammock etc).
- Relate the sailors' mess and ship's galley to rooms in their own home.
- Describe similarities and differences between the sailors' lives and their own.

## What's on offer:

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### Introduction (15 mins)

The workshop leader will introduce themselves and the purpose of the workshop. Children will be told that Warrior is a Victorian warship and will explain what "Victorian" means.

Children will be asked to identify the type of home they live in and will be told that ships can be houses too; that people in the Royal Navy often live on ships now and that in Victorian times, Warrior was home to around 700 sailors. Children will be shown a photo of Warrior and told that the ship is made from iron and powered by sail and steam.

### Storytelling (20 mins)

Children will be read the story of Jesse, the ship's cat, and her kittens, who introduce them to aspects of life on board and the sailors' daily routine.

The story is interspersed with a small amount of object handling, enabling pupils to consider how lifestyles and objects have changed through time. There are opportunities for children to participate by shouting out to Jesse where her kittens are to be found.

Children will learn to describe the ship and objects using appropriate vocabulary, e.g. deck, mess, hammock.

### Role-play (15 mins)

Children will have the opportunity to dress up in replica uniforms and use brushes and brooms to role-play scrubbing and cleaning the deck.

### Ships biscuits (15 mins)

Children will be able to make a replica "ship's biscuit" using modelling clay or salt dough. (These will need to be "dried out" at school.)

### Tabletop activities (15 mins)

Children will be able to colour pictures of HMS Warrior and scenes of life on board ship.

Older pupils may also enjoy trying Victorian-style handwriting or observational drawing activities. Please contact us before our visit to discuss what might be appropriate.

### Further information and bookings

The "Jesse—The Ship's Cat" outreach session works equally well as a stand-alone workshop and as an introduction to the ship prior to a school visit. For younger pupils in particular, it can give them a sense of familiarity with their surroundings, leading to a more enjoyable experience on the day.

"Jesse - The Ship's Cat" lasts up to 90 mins. This workshop is available Tuesday-Thursday.

For additional information about this workshop, including price (dependent on distance) please contact Warrior's Learning Officer or Business Development Manager on 023 9277 8609 or email: [learning@hmswarrior.org](mailto:learning@hmswarrior.org)

### Visiting Portsmouth Historic Dockyard

If you would like to book a visit to HMS Warrior or any other attraction at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, please contact the Advanced Sales Department on 023 9283 9766. They will be happy to advise you about availability and facilities and can work out a timetable for your visit.

### Preliminary visits

To help with planning and preparation we strongly recommend that teachers make a **free** preliminary visit to the Historic Dockyard. This is a chance for you to familiarise yourself with the layout of the ship and facilities on site, plan your work and prepare your risk assessment. To obtain free entry you will need to bring proof of your teacher status and book in at the Visitor Centre.

If you would like to meet with a member of our Learning Team during your planning visit, please contact us to make an appointment.

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