

Early Years Session at Cowes Maritime

This session was designed as part of an 'Early Years in Museums' project. It has been developed in partnership with practitioners to help enhance the delivery of the new Early Years Foundation Stage.

A one hour activity session includes:



- Storytelling with artefacts, dressing up clothes and actions to introduce time and a sense of people from the past (Knowledge and Understanding of the World - Time) and a chance to meet the librarian (Knowledge and Understanding of the World - Communities)
- Feely bags and a photo-hunt to encourage children to use their senses to explore maritime objects (Knowledge and Understanding of the World – Exploration and Investigation)
- A variety of craft materials set out to provide children the opportunity to create their own pictures inspired by the museum (Knowledge and Understanding of the World – Designing and Making)
- A simulated underwater excavation (original artefacts hidden in a sand tray) with to help compare artefacts from different times (Knowledge and Understanding of the World - Time).
- Maritime dressing up clothes and toy boats to support role-play (Creative Development – Developing Imagination and Imaginative Play).
- We are happy to adapt the session to suit your needs and can arrange for a pre-visit session to your setting if you wish the children to be more familiar with museum staff before the session.
- We also have a wide range of Early Years friendly loans that can be delivered and collected to your setting free of charge. See our website www.carisbrookecastlemuseum.org for more information.

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