

Entry Type: Mermaid Challenge

Duration: 30 minutes (Mermaid Encounter time)

Key Stage: EYFS

Session Overview

The Mermaid Challenge is a special entry option created just for groups who want to something a little special to their visit to the Aquarium.

Ahead of your group's visit, you will receive a letter from Marina, our resident mermaid! Through her letter, Marina will introduce herself to your students and explain how excited she is about your upcoming trip to the Aquarium.

On arrival, your group will be met by a member of our Discovery & Learning team who will take you through to a dedicated schools space which your children will have access to throughout the visit and will serve as your base for the day. Your children will then be encouraged to explore the Aquarium under your own supervision before meeting at a pre-agreed exhibit at a specified time by your Aquarium host.

From here your children will be taken to meet Marina the Mermaid. During their time with Marina, the children will enjoy her enchanting undersea stories and learn all manner of fascinating facts about her fishy friends.

After their encounter with Marina, your Aquarium host will work with your children to complete a quick child friendly evaluation form (in the form of a postcard to Marina – takes about 15 minutes) which they can complete back in their group room. From this point your group are free to continue to explore the Aquarium and enjoy the exhibits and public shows for the remainder of your visit.

Topics that can be covered within your Interactive Tour

Listed below are some of our most frequently requested topics for Foundation and Primary school groups. This is not an exclusive list:

- Body Form and Function – movement
 - Camouflage, Patterns and Colour
 - Counting
 - Dentition
 - Feeding techniques
 - Habitats
 - Ocean Myths
 - Senses
 - Shapes and sizes
 - Similarities and differences
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Example Session Content Tick List

School Name:

Date of Visit:

Lead Teacher:

Thank you for booking a Mermaid Challenge session with the National Marine Aquarium. Listed below are some of our most frequently requested topics for Marina to talk about with your children before reading the story and talking with the children about their day. In order to help us deliver the best possible Mermaid Challenge for your group, please tick any topics of particular interest or relevance.

Body Form and Function - movement		Dentition	
Counting		Feeding techniques	
Camouflage, Patterns and Colour		Habitats	
Shapes and sizes		Ocean Myths	
Similarities and differences		Senses	

If you have a particular topic (or any specific learning outcomes) that you would like us to incorporate into your session which are not currently listed, please feel free to note the subject areas in the box provided.

Additional topics you would like covered:

Would you like Marina to ask the children a specific question?

Marina's question for the children:

Is your visit part of a school topic? Use the space below to tell us about it and we'll do our best to reference it as part of your visit

About your project: