Life in the Navy

What would life have been like for a sailor in the Georgian Navy? Do you think it would have been fun?

Let’s explore HMS Unicorn and find out!

What is a Georgian?
The word ‘Georgian’ is used to describe the period of British history from 1714 to 1830. During this time, there was a line of kings who were all named ‘George’ (1, 2, 3 & 4)

What did they eat?
Here is a list of food that a Georgian sailor would have eaten. Some are right but some are wrong. Can you circle the right ones?

- Beef
- Pork
- Cheese
- Butter
- Peas
- Oats
- Ice Cream
- Pasta
- Cake
- Pizza

What did they do?
Below are activities that sailors had to do on Georgian warships… but some of the words are jumbled. Can you unscramble them?

1. Scrub the KEDSC / Scrub the __________
2. Fire the NSGU / Fire the ______________
3. Steer the ELEHW / Steer the ____________


Sailors in the Georgian Navy did not have their own pets on ships with them but there were often animals on board. The most common animal on ships were cats. Cats were useful because they could catch any rats or mice on the decks.

**Question** – If you could bring a pet onto a ship, what would it be? ______________________

**Question** – What do you think your pet would do on the ship? ______________________

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**What did they wear?**

In the days of the Georgian Navy, sailors did not really have an official uniform to wear when they were on board ships.

It was often left to the captain of a ship to decide what the sailors should wear.

Imagine you were the captain of HMS Unicorn. What uniform would you have the sailors wear? Can you draw it in the box?