Welcome aboard HMS Unicorn – the most original old ship in the world!

Our “Top 10 for Kids” trail sheet will help you and your crew mates as you explore the ship’s four decks and tell you more about the things you will see on the way.

1. Figurehead
HMS Unicorn was named after Scotland’s national animal and the ship’s figurehead was designed to look like a rampant unicorn.

2. Wheel
The ship’s wheel was used to steer and in bad weather would require four members of the crew to control it.

3. Bell
The ship’s bell would be rung throughout the day to tell sailors what time it was – as sailors in the 19th century did not have watches!

4. Stove
All cooking would have been done on the ship’s stove located on the Gun Deck. The diet of the crew would include salted meat, bread, and rum.

5. Great Guns
The great guns on Unicorn would have run down both sides of the Gun Deck. They would have needed 9 sailors to work each one.

6. Captain’s Cabin
This was the nicest room on the ship and only the captain would have been allowed inside. A captain would eat, sleep, and work in here.

7. Gunroom
This is where the commissioned officers, such as the lieutenants, would have lived. Each officer had their own cabin and bunk to sleep in.

8. Hammocks
Every sailor on board Unicorn would have been given a hammock to sleep. In the morning, sailors would have to roll their hammock away.

9. Mess Tables
These tables were used for the crew to eat their meals. They would sit in groups or “messes” of 10 to 14 sailors.

10. Carpenter’s Walk
This is the lowest walkway on board the ship and runs down either side on the Orlop Deck. It allowed the carpenter to fix the hull.