



Hands-on History: First World War Activity Ideas

Before your visit

Before you bring your class to the RAF Museum, you may want to prepare your pupils by using some of these activity/discussion ideas.

- What is a museum? Has anyone been to one before?
- Why are we visiting the RAF Museum?
- What are we going to see at the Museum? How can we find out?

<https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/london/>

Key vocabulary which could be useful for your visit:

- First World War
- Biplane
- Propeller
- RNAS – Royal Naval Air Service
- RFC – Royal Flying Corps
- RAF – Royal Air Force
- Reconnaissance

During your visit

- Explore the First World War in the Air exhibition in Hangar 2
- There are free trails available in the exhibition which pupils can make use of
- Enjoy your 'Hands-on History: First World War' workshop – check your booking confirmation for session times

After your visit

- Design a 'joining-up' poster (ie Your Country Needs You!)
- Mascots and good luck charms were very popular during the First World War Pupils could design and make their own mascot or write an account from the mascots point of view. Check out our website for ideas – rafmuseum.org.uk/blog/percy-the-parachuting-penguin/