

Fire! Fire!

Teacher notes

Duration: **45 minutes**

Meeting Point: **Salt Tower Courtyard**

It is 1666, London is ablaze. The fire is spreading east approaching the Tower's doorstep... and the fortress is filled with gunpowder!

Children will meet a costumed presenter who will describe these terrible events and tell the story of Mr Pepys watching the flames from inside the ancient Tower walls. This session uses role play to bring the story of the Great Fire of London to life.

Learning objectives

Children will:

- Learn about key features of the Great Fire of London through questioning and participation.
- Compare and contrast life today with life in the 1600s.
- Discuss the written accounts of Samuel Pepys.

National Curriculum links

This session supports:

- Extending chronological knowledge of significant events in British history beyond 1066.
- Development of historical enquiry, speaking and listening skills through storytelling and role play.
- Exploration of key concepts of significance, cause and consequence as the story unfolds.

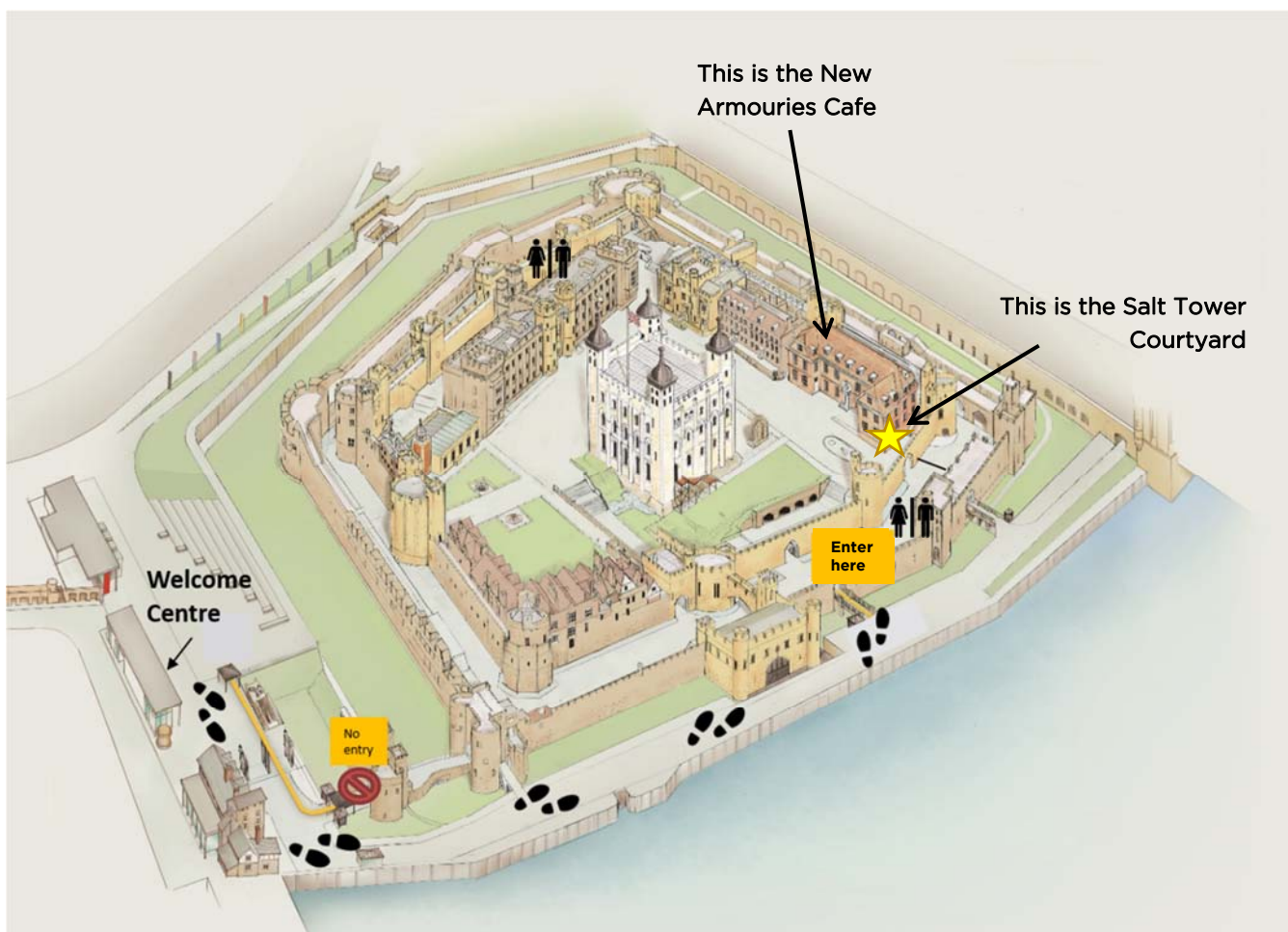
During your session:

Please note that the 1:5 staff to child ratio which we ask for throughout your visit still applies during your learning session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities. For Health & Safety reason, our sessions are for a maximum of 35 children.



The education session your group has booked with us takes place on the visitor route at the Tower of London.

Please meet your session presenter at the **Salt Tower Courtyard**. This is marked on the map below with a star. The courtyard is located next to the New Armouries Cafe.



This is where your costumed session presenter will meet you at your allocated start time. We recommend being there a few minutes early.

For your information, parts of this session may include time outside so please encourage your children to dress accordingly.

