



# Visit ideas for Helicopters workshop

## 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:

- Helicopter
- Rotor blades
- Gravity
- Directional language – up/down, left/right, backwards/forwards
- Aeroplane
- Wings
- Propeller

## During your visit

- Explore the Museum and encourage children to find examples of different types of aircraft
- In Hangar 1, find the Sea King and look inside – what type of helicopter is it?
- There are also small models of aircraft in H1 which children can get in to
- If the weather is nice, you might want to enjoy our outdoor playground
- Enjoy your 'Helicopters' workshop (check your booking confirmation for the session time)

## After your visit

- Create a display showing the different jobs which helicopters do and how the rotor blades work
- Pupils imagine they have travelled to a holiday destination on the Merlin helicopter and write a postcard to someone back at home
- Use junk modelling to create their own helicopter – what job would it be designed to do?