

History Knowledge Organiser

Year 5

Summer (ii)

What can we find out about Greenwich's Maritime history?

Substantive Knowledge - What we need to know

Greenwich's Maritime History

Greenwich is a borough in southeast London known for its long history of maritime activity.

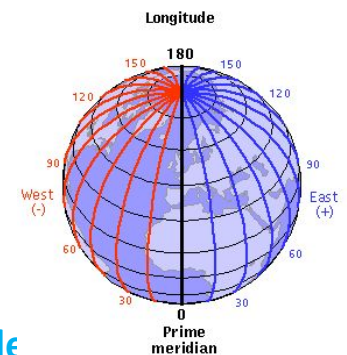
Located on the River Thames, Greenwich has been an important port since the Roman period.

The area is home to several historic ships and museums, including the Cutty Sark and the National Maritime Museum.



Greenwich Meridian and Greenwich Mean Time

The Greenwich Meridian is a line of longitude that passes through the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England. It is the prime meridian from which all other longitudes are measured and is designated as 0° longitude. Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) is the time zone that is based on the Greenwich Meridian.



The Royal Naval Hospital for Sailors / The Royal Naval College

The Royal Naval Hospital for Sailors was founded in Greenwich in 1694 to provide medical care for sick and injured sailors. The hospital complex was later expanded and became the Royal Naval College, a training institution for naval officers.

The college was designed by Sir Christopher Wren, the architect who also designed St. Paul's Cathedral in London.



The National Maritime Museum

The National Maritime Museum is located in Greenwich and is one of the largest maritime museums in the world.

The museum's collections include paintings, ship models, navigation instruments, and other artifacts related to Maritime history.

Stephen Lawrence

Stephen Lawrence was a black British teenager who was murdered in a racially motivated attack in 1993. The subsequent investigation and trial were marred by institutional racism and police corruption. Stephen's parents, Doreen and Neville Lawrence, have campaigned for justice and equality in the years since their son's death.



Edith New

Edith New was a suffragette and activist for women's rights in the early 20th century. She lived in Greenwich and was involved in campaigns for women's suffrage, equal pay, and better working conditions for women.

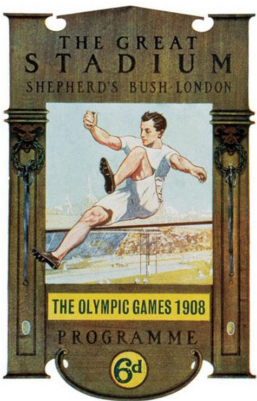


Ruth Belville

Ruth Belville was a timekeeper who supplied accurate time to businesses and institutions in London in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She used a pocket chronometer to check the time at Greenwich and then delivered the time to her clients.

The 2012 Olympics

The 2012 Summer Olympics were held in London, with many of the events taking place in and around the Olympic Park in Stratford. It was the third time that London had hosted the Olympics, having previously done so in 1908 and 1948.



Portable Knowledge – What we need to remember

The Royal Naval College was designed by Sir. Christopher Wren acknowledging Greenwich's Maritime history. The Gypsy Moth IV and Cutty Sark are tourist attractions in Greenwich. Female pioneers from Greenwich include Doreen Lawrence, Edith New and Ruth Belville.

Core Vocabulary

Maritime – of or relating to sea ships or navigation of the sea.

0° longitude – The Prime Meridian which divides the Earth into the eastern and western hemispheres.

Greenwich Meantime – The solar time at the Greenwich Meridian.