



# At Home Activities with Creekside Discovery Centre

This week's topic is **Shipwrecked**



## At Creekside Discovery Centre this week ...

Creekside continues to erupt with life inside and around the creek, there are lots of plants starting to flower on-site and some of these are edible. Some of the edible plants that are doing really well at the moment and grow here are Yarrow, Daisy, Cowslip and Rocket. Remember that many plants are also poisonous so you have to be very careful when looking for edible plants and you should only do this with a trained adult. Find out more about edible plants [here](#).

Did you know that there used to be a shipyard at the mouth of Deptford Creek? In 1513 King Henry VIII founded the dockyard to build ships for the Royal Navy. It remained one of the most important naval yards for over 300 years, closing in 1869. Hundreds of warships and many trading ships were built here including, The Golden Hind. Several ships used by James Cook were refitted in Deptford including, HMS Endeavour and HMS Discovery.



**You have been Shipwrecked in Deptford Creek!**  
You and your crew have been washed up onto the banks of the Creek. You have all managed to get to safety but there is no sign of human life around. What are you going to do?

## Ships Log

We need to know more about your voyage.



Ship name	
Destination	
Reason for shipwreck	
Names of survivors	

## Survival items

Before your ship went down you and your crew managed to grab 5 items to help you with your survival.

Which 5 items would you have chosen from this list?

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|---------|------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| rope    | net              | waterproof coat |  |                 |
| compass | packet of sweets | box of matches  |   |                 |
| blanket | empty bottle     | pencil          |   | map of the area |

Survival items	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
Why did you choose these items?	

## Survival

In order to survive you and your crew are going to have to find: Water and Food.  
You will also need to make: A Fire and a Shelter.



## Shipwrecked Survival poster

Have a go at creating a poster all about how you would survive on the banks of Deptford Creek.  
Your poster can include: pictures, diagrams, instructions and much much more.  
Try and be as creative as possible 😊



Things to think about:

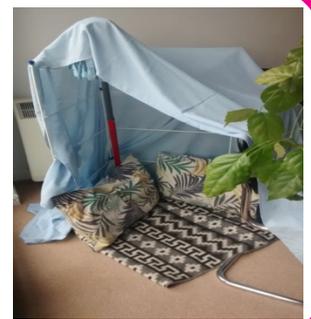
- How will you make sure the water is safe to drink?
- What food will you be able to eat? Are there any edible plants growing in the area?
- How will you make the shelter?
  - Where will you make your shelter? In an exposed or protected area?
  - What resources will you need to collect in order to make your shelter?
  - Remember, you can use any resources in the natural environment or things that might have been washed up from the wreck.
- What are you going to need to make a fire?
  - Where should you make your fire?
  - What kind of materials will be best to burn on the fire?



## Make your own shelter

Collect items from around your home that will be good for making a shelter. Items that I found useful were: sheets, clothes drier, chair, mop or broom, cushions and a blanket. You can also use houseplants to camouflage your shelter.

Make sure that you check with an adult at home that it is okay to use any items and that you use and carry everything safely.



Remember, do not try all of these activities at home. We are just using our imaginations, you should **never** make a fire or try any flowers without a trained adult.



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