



# Sea Dog is thrilled to share this Education Resource Pack to compliment The Animates: River of Life!

## Introduction - The Animates: River of Life

This story celebrates our area's rich heritage and the people who helped shape it, from shipbuilders and dock workers to sailors and innovators. The Animates: River of Life is a story about the maritime industry in the Liverpool City Region.

We've created a range of fun, flexible activities to help you link the story to key curriculum areas in:

- English
- Maths
- History and Heritage
- Geography
- Art
- Careers / PSHE / Aspirations

Each activity is designed to spark curiosity, creativity, and pride in our local history, while helping pupils make real connections between the past, the present, and the exciting opportunities that await them in the future.

Liverpool's story is one of connection, resilience, and innovation - qualities that continue to shape our region today. By exploring the maritime industry and the people behind it, your children can develop a deeper sense of place and pride in their community, as well as an understanding of how local stories link to the wider world. These lessons are more than just curriculum activities; they're an opportunity to help children see themselves as part of Liverpool's ongoing story - curious learners today, and confident, capable citizens of the future.

## How to use the Education Resource

We know that as teachers you are already well versed in turning stories into engaging lessons for your children but we wanted to save you the time!

This booklet is a collection of lesson blueprints to help spark ideas of how you can use the book, not just as a story, but as a way of delivering the national curriculum. Each section has at least 3 different lesson ideas for you to make your own, all of which are mapped into the national curriculum or the New Ofsted Inspection Framework. The activities are varied to suit different age groups and Key Stage curriculums.





These lessons and activities are designed to be flexible; you can use them as complete sessions, short stand-alone tasks, or creative springboards to extend your own curriculum planning. Each idea links directly to the story, encouraging pupils to explore Liverpool's maritime past while building key skills across different subjects. Feel free to use any that suit your students age, ability and current topics you are already teaching.

**We would love to see your work too! Please share your classes work with us on social using #TheAnimates**

## More about Animates

The Animates: River of Life is one in a series of fun stories and adventures. Created for primary schools our story books and supporting resources are designed to inspire children with skills, careers, and innovation. Along the way, we meet industry leaders, explore jobs, and discover amazing inventions - showing every child that imagination and invention are for everyone.

Created by award-winning author Natalie Reeves Billing and innovation leader Alex Cousins, we believe anything is possible.

