

MAYOR OF LONDON

LONDON CURRICULUM

FAMILY EXPLORER TRAIL

SOUTH BANK



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What is the London Curriculum?

The London Curriculum is a fun new way of teaching young people about the city using London as a classroom. Schools in London are already enjoying our free learning resources, now with these trails, parents and carers can also join in.

This trail is one of four we've designed for families this summer. We hope it will help you and your family find out more about this brilliant city, and have fun too!

Safety on the way

We want you to have a relaxed enjoyable time together so here are a few important things to remember.

- Please take care when crossing roads and use pedestrian crossings whenever available.
- In hot weather, remember to cover up and drink plenty of water.
- Be alert and watch your personal belongings.

Estimated
time
(hours)



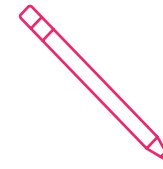
Walking
distance
(km)



What you will need



copy of this trail



pencil



comfy shoes / weather-
appropriate clothing



reusable
bottle

Comfort breaks

Why not enjoy a picnic on your trail? There are several benches dotted along the Thames Path on the north bank of the river and grassed areas and seating in the gardens around St. Paul's. On the south bank there's a large grassed area in front of Tate Modern and tiered seating in The Scoop, outside City Hall.

There are free community toilets at The Liberty Bounds (Weatherspoon pub) and The Banker (Fuller's pub) on the north bank, and at Tate Modern and City Hall on the south bank.

Fen likes to stop and look around him on his journeys. Sitting on one of the benches by the river from time to time is a great idea!

Need the answers?

We hope you'll try and work out the answers to any questions in the trail yourselves but we all need a bit of help from time to time! You'll find the answers on the back of the trail.

Hello! I'm Purcell the Robin.
My hobbies are singing and watching people enjoy themselves in London.
Welcome to South Bank! It's London's 'Entertainment Quarter'.
Join me as I flutter from place to place. Find out how Londoners can have fun with music, film, theatre and dance around here. It's going to be a lot of fun, are you ready?



Do as many or as few of the activities as you wish. We hope you will like them all. Please tell us afterwards which activities you enjoyed most, email us at z.curriculum@london.gov.uk.

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'London is full of culture, science and stories. Our London Curriculum trails are a great way for families to discover their city together. I hope they encourage Londoners of all ages to explore our unique open spaces. There's no place on earth like it.'

- **Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London**

About this Family Explorer Trail

We suggest starting and finishing your trail in Waterloo station. There are eight activity locations to visit on a circular route. The walking route is about 3km (just under 2 miles) and should take around two hours to complete.

We've pointed out a few places for picnics near to the route, and there are plenty of free public toilets around in the buildings of the Southbank Centre. There's a map at the back to guide you.

Purcell likes to sing wherever he goes. Singing as you walk along on this trail is optional but very welcome!



Find out more at:
[london.gov.uk/
familytrails](https://www.london.gov.uk/familytrails)

Safety on the way

We want you to have a relaxed, enjoyable time doing this trail together, so here are a few important things to remember. A suggested trail route is shown on the map.

Please use pedestrian crossings when available. Where they are not, take extra care when crossing roads.

In hot weather, remember to cover up and drink plenty of water.

Be alert and watch your personal belongings.

Stay away from the water's edge, especially by the river.

1 In Waterloo Station

Did you Know?

Waterloo Station has been used as a film location and a theatre! Not long ago, unused platforms here were used for a show, *The Railway Children*.



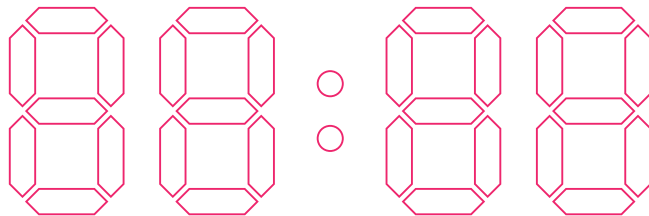
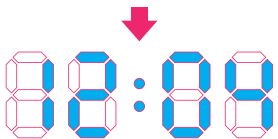
Do you know the story of 'The Railway Children'? It was written by Edith Nesbit from Kennington, in south London, not far from here.

Stand underneath the huge clock. People often meet here before going out in South Bank.

Why do you think this is?

Look closely at the clock. It has both Roman numerals and the numbers of the 24 hour clock. What time is it now? Write this time using the 24 hour clock, by filling in the numbers below!

For example, 12:04 would look like this



Waterloo is a very busy train station!

Look at the departure boards. How many trains are leaving in the next half an hour?

← Write your answer in here!



Departures puzzle:

It's the late evening and 1200 happy people are waiting for trains after enjoying an evening out on South Bank. Ten trains will leave the station before midnight. There will be the same number of passengers in each train.

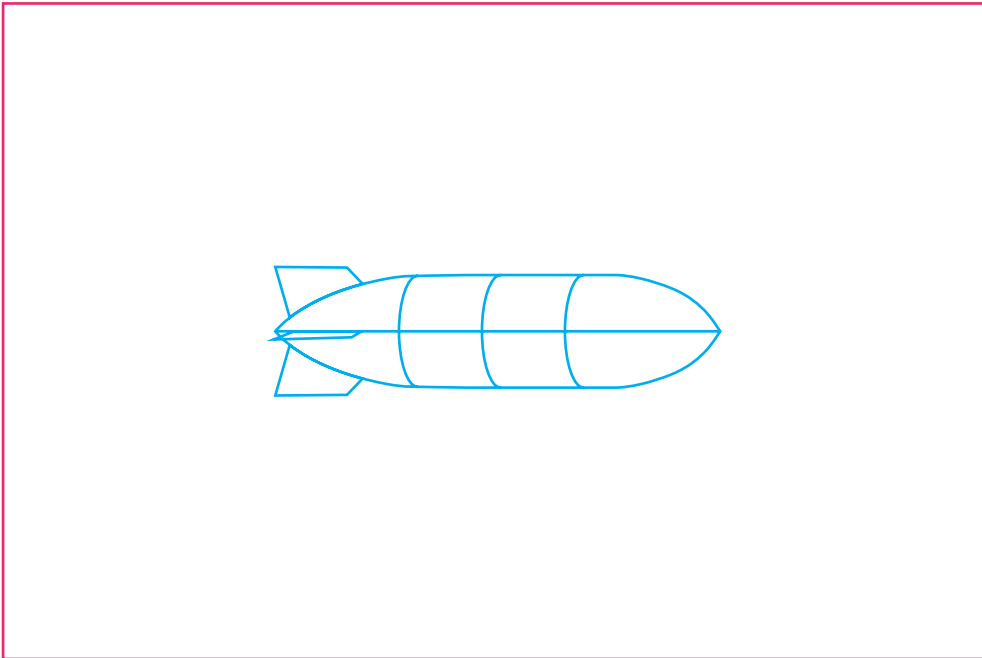
How many people will board each train?



The Leake Street Graffiti Tunnel

Walk along Leake Street and enter Leake Tunnel. On the way through you'll find an airship. It is flying into a doorway leading to an entertainment space called *The Vaults*. People come to see shows and special events in here.

Add your own background to this picture. Where is your airship flying?



The Languages of London

There are over 300 different languages spoken by London schoolchildren. These include Bengali, Gujarati, Punjabi, Cantonese and Madarin.

Graffiti Tunnel

This is 'Graffiti Tunnel'. The word 'Graffiti' is Italian for 'scratched'.

These five colours are in different languages. Can you match the languages in the list below to each colour? Write your answer on the dotted line below each colour.

Urdu **Spanish** **Japanese** **French** **Russian**

jaune

سبز

azul

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赤

Пурпурный

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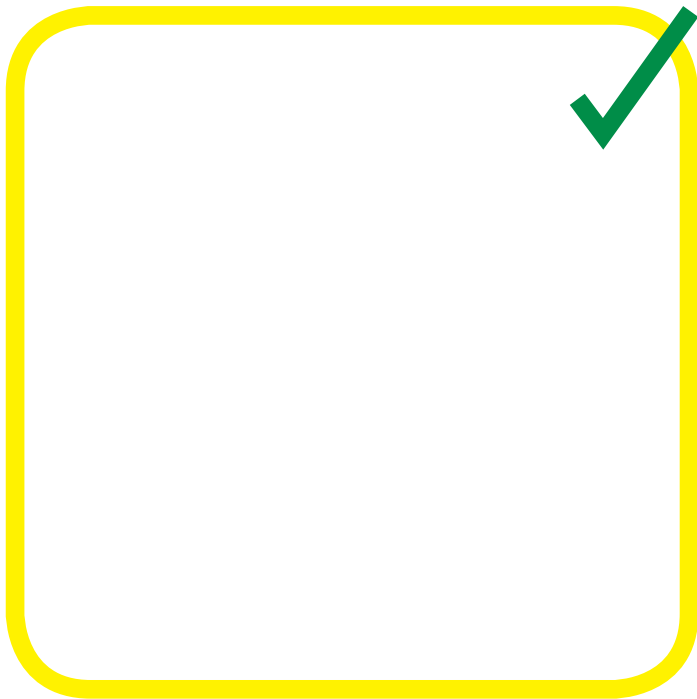
Tick each colour when you've seen a piece of graffiti with that colour in it.

Which is your favourite piece of graffiti in the tunnel?

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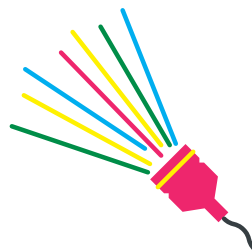
Jubilee Gardens

Look at the 'Welcome to Jubilee Gardens' sign. There are a few things you're not allowed to do. Can you work out what they are? Now think of 3 things that you CAN do to have fun here! Draw a symbol for one of your ideas in this box.



Let's celebrate!

People have been celebrating with jubilees for a very long time! The word 'jubilee' is thought to come from the Latin word 'iubilo', which means "I shout for joy".



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Riverside Walk

Find the 'Jubilee Oracle'. The sculptor says his work doesn't represent people or objects but is more like music. What type of music do you think this sculpture is like?

Pop

Classical

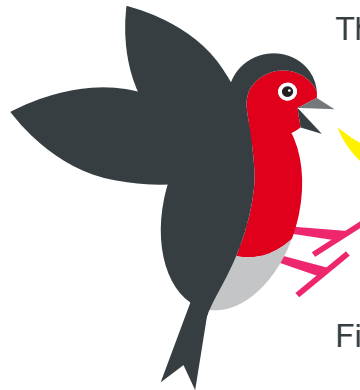
Heavy metal

Other



Touch the sculpture. What do you think it is made of? Think of some words to describe how the sculpture feels. Try closing your eyes!

The sculpture feels and



Sing a song as you walk along! Do you know any songs about Waterloo or London?

Find this circle of gold and stand in it.

This marks the spot where the Skylon was located in 1951. Face the flagpole. Now make a half turn. What's on top of the pole in front of you?

Now stand at one of the poles. Take the biggest steps you can - how many steps away is the flagpole?

The flagpole is steps away from the other pole.



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In The Southbank Centre

Southbank Centre includes Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room, Hayward Gallery and outdoor spaces.

Did you know that these buildings are free to enter? You can bring your own packed lunch and eat on The Clore Ballroom or in the foyer spaces.

Visit Level 2 of Royal Festival Hall to find out more about the 1951 Festival of Britain – look for 'The Story of 51'. Find the model of the Festival site under the glass dome. How many of these things can you spot?

model boats

a hexagon

a circus tent

a lorry

an octagon

a staircase

a train

a square inside a square

a giant man and woman

Discover free poems when you visit the National Poetry Library, located on Level 5 of Royal Festival Hall. The Reading Den is also a quiet spot to enjoy a children's book.

Head outside to the balcony on Level 5 – you can see the river and many buildings and boats from here. Time to take a photo!

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Riverside Walk (continued)

Busking to entertain you!

A 'busker' is someone who performs music for money on the street. In London buskers need special permission to perform on South Bank. In other places, it's OK for everyone to do.

Near the river, outside the Queen Elizabeth Hall, can you find the skatepark? Is there anyone skateboarding today?



Lights, camera, action! Take a photo of yourself pretending to skateboard.

Keep an ear open for music as you walk along here today!

Do you think skateboarding is a sport or an art?

Have a vote amongst your group and write in each box how many agreed with each point of view:

Skateboarding is an art

Skateboarding is a sport



The Purcell Rooms just here are named after Henry Purcell, my namesake. He was writing music for King Charles II by the age of 11. He was only 20 when he became the organist in Westminster Abbey.

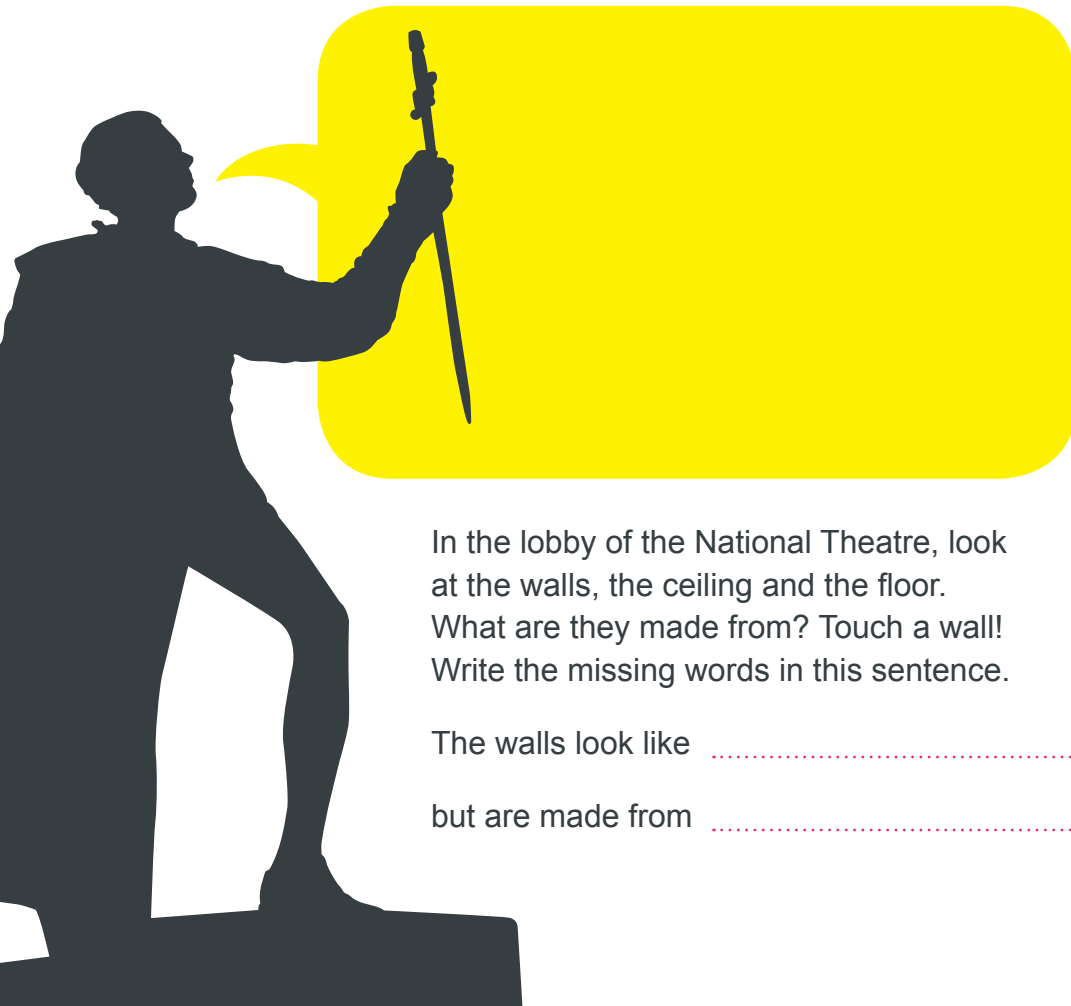
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At the National Theatre

Strike a pose!

There's a statue outside the National Theatre of Sir Laurence Olivier, a world-famous British actor who lived in London.

Find the statue of Sir Laurence. Can you copy his pose? What words do you think he is saying? Write them in this speech bubble.



In the lobby of the National Theatre, look at the walls, the ceiling and the floor. What are they made from? Touch a wall! Write the missing words in this sentence.

The walls look like

but are made from

The colours in here are quite dull. How have the designers cheered the area up?

How does this space make you feel? Pick your answer from the choices below.



Don't forget to claim your sticker for the back page while you are here!



Bernie Spain Gardens

Ernie and Bernie

Ernie = John

Did you know there is a sandy beach by the Thames just here called 'Ernie's Beach'? You can see it when the tide is low. 'Ernie' was a local man whose real name was John.

Bernie = Bernadette

These gardens are named 'Bernie Spain Gardens' after another local person who did a lot to help this community. Her real name was Bernadette!

Wander through the Bernie Spain Gardens. The local community hold entertainment events here sometimes. Visit the rose garden at the end furthest from the river. Can you smell the roses today? What else can you smell, is there a smell of cut grass or leaves?

Look around to see what other plants are being grown in these gardens. Some local people have planted flowers and vegetables in special raised beds nearby. What can you see growing here?

carrot

glove

irises

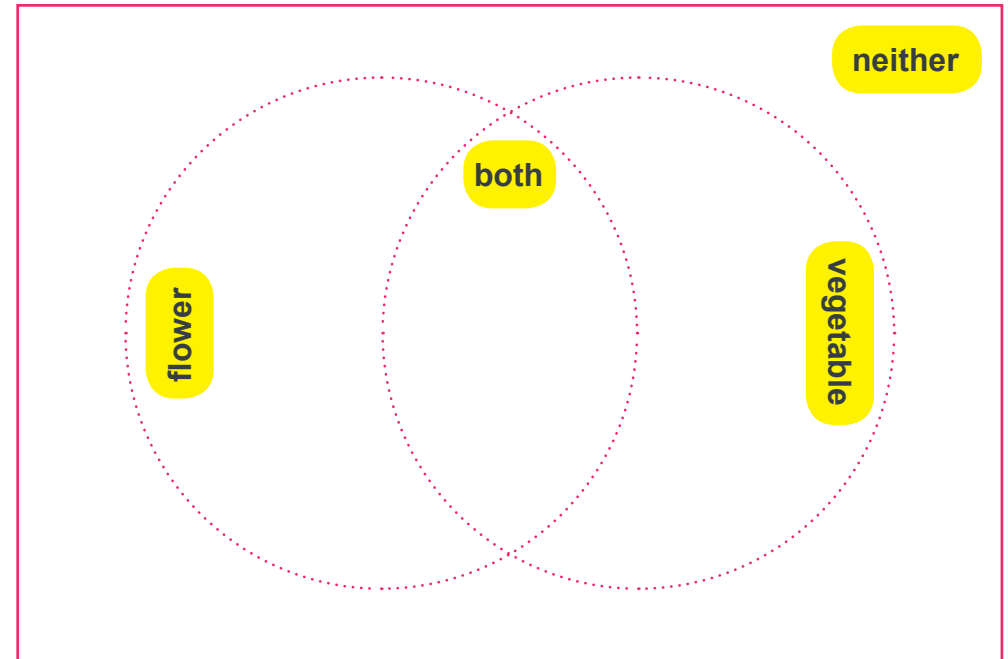
trowel

lettuce

wild garlic

courgette

Above are some things which you might find here. They are either flowers, vegetables, both, or neither. Can you write each one in the correct area of the circles to show where it belongs?



From here, either walk along Upper Ground to the end and turn left, or retrace your steps along South Bank to the National Theatre and turn left there.



Why not play a game of 'Clapping and whistling' as you walk along? Here's how it works: take it in turns to think of a song you know, and either whistle it or clap the rhythm of the words with your hands, or both! The other people in your group have to try and guess which song it is.

9 **BFI
IMAX**

Did you know?

The cinema screen in the BFI IMAX is the largest in Britain.
It's similar in size to two tennis courts!

How many steps do you think it will take to walk all the way around the outside of the IMAX? Let everyone in the group have a guess, write down their guesses, then test it out to see who was closest.

My guess: steps

Actual number: steps

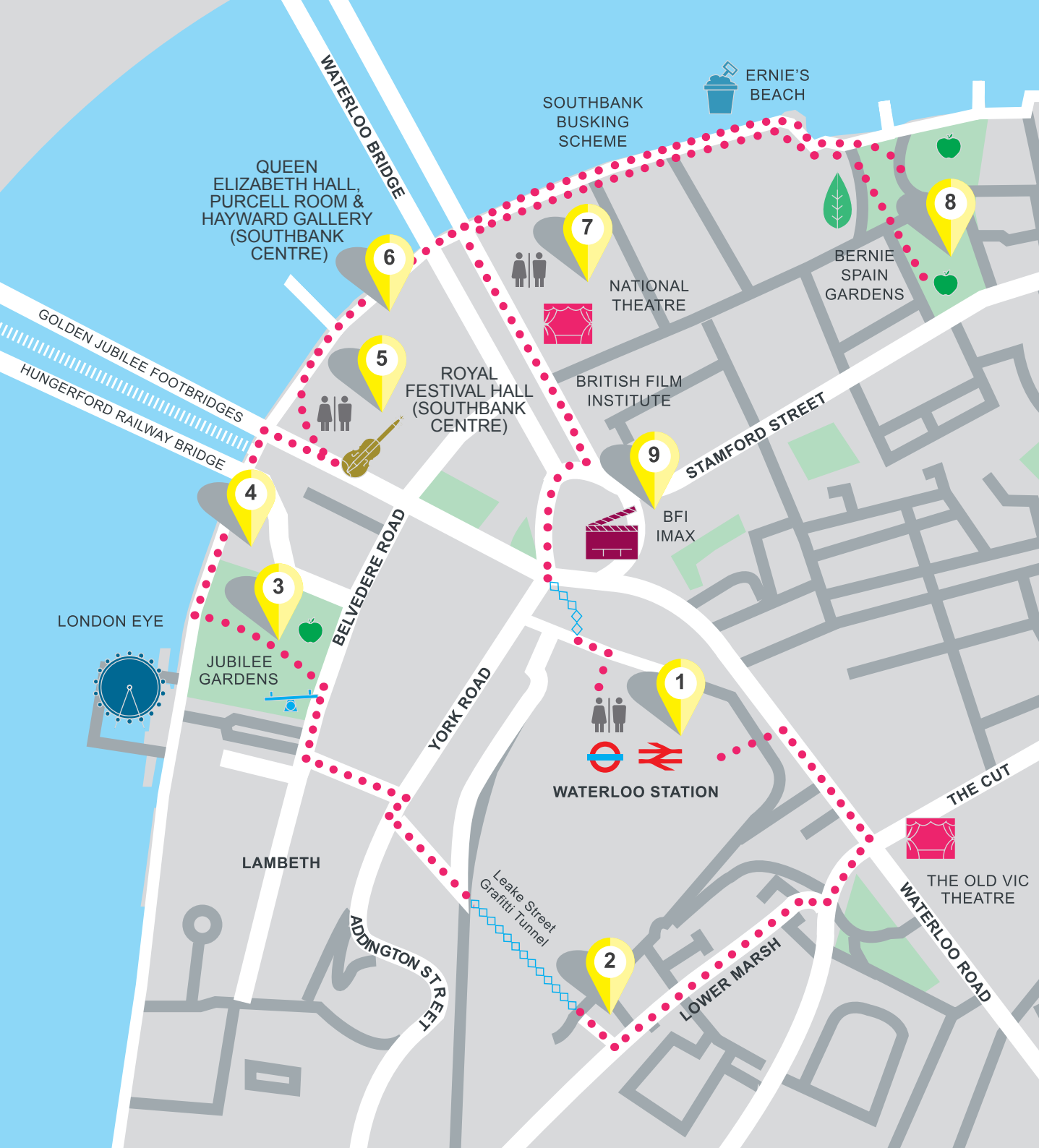


You can finish off this activity trail by finding some poetry in the tunnel at Exit 1.










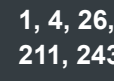




Can you find the poem by Sue Hubbard on a wall in the tunnel? What is unusual about how it is written? Write your name out using both upper and lower case using the lines below as a guide.

Example:

my name



TRAIL KEY

-  Trail route
-  Tunnel
-  Playground
-  1 Waterloo Station
-  2 Leake Street Graffiti Tunnel
-  3 Jubilee Gardens
-  4 Riverside Walk
-  5 Royal Festival Hall (Southbank Centre)
-  6 Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and Hayward Gallery (Southbank Centre)
-  7 National Theatre
-  8 Bernie Spain Gardens
-  9 BFI IMAX
-  Public Toilets
-  Picnic Spot

WATERLOO

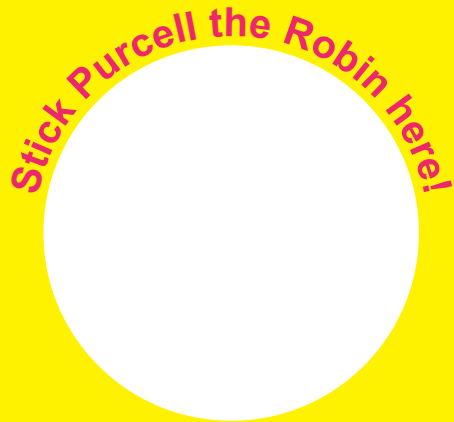
Bus routes to this area include:
 1, 4, 26, 59, 68, 76, 77, 139, 168, 171, 172, 176, 188,
 211, 243, 341, 381, 507, 521

South Bank

Collect the stickers!

When you have completed this trail bring it along to the cafe on the Lower Ground Floor at **City Hall** to collect your Purcell the Robin sticker.

Why not complete one of our other trails and collect the stickers for those too? All stickers can be collected from the cafe on the Lower Ground Floor at **City Hall**.



Tell us what you think

We'd love your feedback to help us plan more family trails in the future. Please take our short survey at:

[london.gov.uk/familytrails](https://www.london.gov.uk/familytrails)

What's on

BFI Southbank

Come along to a BFI Families event to see a wonderful film or take part in fun activities. To book tickets and find out more go to 'Families' at **[whatson.bfi.org.uk](https://www.whatson.bfi.org.uk)**

Totally Thames Festival

See London's river brought to life in a month-long season of events at the annual Totally Thames festival. Stroll along the banks of the Thames to see large-scale art installations, exhibitions and live performances. Find out more at **[totallythames.org](https://www.totallythames.org)**

Imagination Lab

The Institute of Imagination's innovative space that enables children to experiment and explore using new tools and technology. One day and half-day family events, ideal for children aged 5-12. Charges apply. Check dates and book tickets at **[ioi.london/whats-on/](https://www.ioi.london/whats-on/)**

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Answers 1) 120 people 2) Yellow = French, Green = Urdu, Blue = Spanish, Red = Japanese, Purple = Russian. 8) flower = irises; vegetable = carrot, lettuce; both = wild garlic, courgette; neither = glove, trowel