FITZ FAMILIES
A journey through the Paintings Galleries

Welcome...

Begin your story at the Main Entrance.

Climb the stairs and take a moment to look around. Isn’t it a grand place to start a journey?

Now, let's go on a voyage of discovery through the painting galleries.

The Fitzwilliam Museum
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Find your way to Gallery 2 and go to The Last of England
Look at the travellers in this picture.
What sort of journey are they going on?
How are they feeling?
Look at their faces, hands and how they are sitting.
What is under the woman's cloak?
Imagine you're one of the characters in this story.Write a postcard to a friend telling them about your journey and your adventures in your new home.

Make your way to Gallery 5
Imagine you are on the train and these paintings are your view out as the world flies by……
What can you see on your journey?
Match a riddle to the painting you think is the best fit.
Paint flowing like leaves in the wind
A cold blanket of paint broken by bare fingers reaching up for spring
Smudged sounds of hooves and crowds as neat lines pass
Warm dots resting on their walk
Glistening paint crashing against dark rocks
Can you make your own picture riddle?

The artists who painted these pictures are called Impressionists. Impressionist artists were able to travel and paint outside in nature using newly invented tubes of paint.

Go to Gallery 6
In the first part of this gallery you will find some large paintings of a famous mother and her child.
Who are they?
What colours can you see?
The bright coloured paint in these pictures is made from pigments ground with water and mixed with egg yolk. This is called tempera painting.
The gold is real! It is made from sheets of gold which have been hammered and rolled until it is really thin. This is called gold leaf.
Draw something special to you in this gold frame.
Go to Gallery 8 and find Brueghel’s Village Festival in honour of St Hubert and St Anthony.
What a party they’re having!
Can you match the words with what you can see and add some action words of your own?

Dancing  Singing  Acting
Roller skating  Teasing  Drinking
Laughing  Sleeping  Watching
Skiing  Fighting  Reading

Go to Gallery 15
Many of these flowers travelled from exotic places, brought to Europe by people who liked to collect new and wonderful specimens.
Look closely, you can see lots of tiny creatures lurking in the shadows. The creatures and flowers remind us of the cycle of life and time passing. These paintings are here but the flowers and the beauty they show did not last.

This is your sketchbook.
Now draw what you’d like to be doing at the party.

Look closely and see if you can find all these creatures:

Butterfly  Fly  Dragon fly
Caterpillar  Wasp  Snail
Can you find any other ones we might have missed?
From One Life to the Next
Let the ancient god Anubis take you on a journey to ancient Egypt and beyond!

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Alfred Wallis, Brigantine sailing past green fields, n.d. © Kettle's Yard

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