

One of the benefits of out of classroom learning and the opportunity to come and visit a site like this is to see the objects for real and really get the wow factor as a way to inspire the children.

So, for example, within objects like this, as grand and big as it is, there are many ways that we can inspire and engage the children with this particular object. For example, we ask them to look at it and tell us what they think about it. A simple way of doing that, in this case, is what clues on here tell us this is a Royal carriage as opposed to any other carriage. And those are obviously quite simple.

In some cases, the crowns, for example, there are crowns dotted all over this carriage, even on top of the paintings here and on the handle. One of the key elements here is the Royal Coat of arms in the middle with the Royal Standard, the flag of the different countries that make up the United Kingdom. And then obviously, there's the color scheme. There's the amazing amounts of gold and the wonderful decoration across it. These are things that the children are really able to pick out and to therefore engage with the object.

One of the other key elements of it is being able to kind of show them some really kind of special pieces as part of that, and that includes being able to open up the doors and show them inside.

So this is a great opportunity to not only show the carriage, but inside as well. This is quite a unique feature of any carriage that you might come across. This table located here inside. And as part of the discovery of this carriage we do with the children, we look at the fact that the crowns that are dotted all over us give us a clue as to the purpose of this carriage, and that is to travel down to the Houses of Parliament with the Imperial state Crown on display as part of occasion, such as the state opening of Parliament, which happens most years. And as you can see, it's a great opportunity for the children to see inside and really get that wow factor.