

## Life on Tudor Ships

Life on a ship was risky and dangerous but also offered fame and riches. From the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century English sailors started on a series of daring and dangerous expeditions. Most Sailors sailed around the world to find new lands from which they could import objects such as cotton, silk, sugar, spices and precious metals.

### What were the Ships called?

Ships in Tudor times were called Galleons. These were very large ocean ships. They were slow, broad and manoeuvrable. There were special decks for cannons.

### What was life like on a Tudor ship?

Life was very cramped living on Tudor ships and the sailors lived in these conditions for many years.

### What did they eat?

They preserved food by drying, salting, smoking and pickling. They took food which kept naturally, like nuts. But other foods like meat and fish went rotten. They mostly drank beer instead of water because the water went stale and was nasty to drink. By Grace

