



Craft Activity

Theme: Pirates

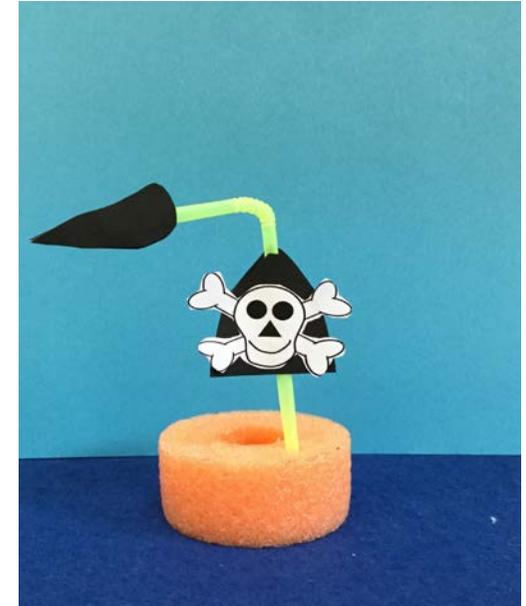
Intro: Pirates use to sail the seas in search of other ships to steal their treasures. People became Pirates in the hope of becoming rich and leading better lives.

Craft activity: Pirate Ships

Children will need: A pool noodle cut into small pieces, plastic bendy straws, black paper or material, scissors, glue, skull and cross bone template.

Instructions:

Make a small incision in the middle of the round pool noodle piece. Insert the straw. Cut out some sail shapes (let the children freely cut) out of the black paper/material, and one of the skull and cross bone pictures (may need adult help to cut out the shape or have them pre cut ready to be used) glue the skull shape on to one of the sails, then glue two sails together over the straw. You can cut out a smaller flag to go on top of the "mast" if you would like.



Extension Idea: Fill up a tray with water and have the children sail their Pirate Ships and see if they float. Make an eye patch to wear.

Fact: Pirates believed that piercing their ears would improve their eyesight.



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Buried Treasure

You will need: Tray/tub with sand in it. Bury some treasure in the sand, such as strings of beads or shiny rocks, fake rings etc.

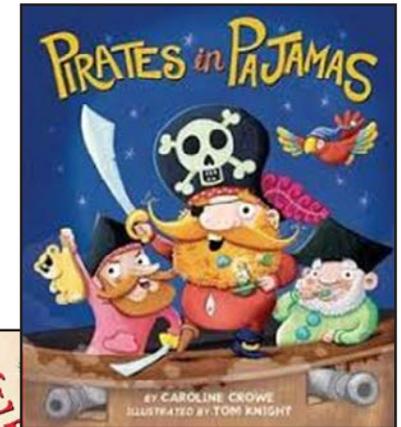
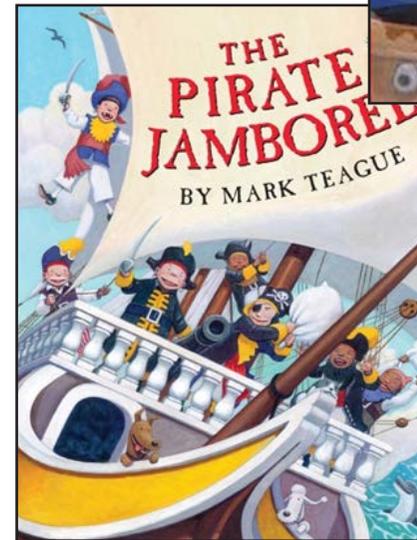
Instructions: Pop the sand into the tray and bury the treasure, let the children try and find the buried treasure. If you have the water tray with the floating Pirate ships in it, place them next to each other so the children can sail their ships and find the treasure me hearty's!

Outside Activity:

Make some binoculars from cardboard rolls. Decorate with pirate colours and pictures. Once finished, take these outside to help find treasure in the sandpit, or other places in the environment.

Group time ideas:

Have everyone come dressed as a pirate and let them show the group their very own pieces of treasure. Get children to make up their own Pirate name. The children can pretend talking like a pirate.



Book Suggestions:

Pirates in Pajamas by Caroline Crowe and The Pirate Jamboree by Mark Teague.

