

Pirate's Plunder

Areas of Learning

Primary
Personal Development and Mutual Understanding

Post-Primary
Personal Development

Setting the Scene

Create a relaxation area by using hessian sacks or wooden boxes to make a 'smuggler's cove'. Burn coconut-scented candles and play CDs of beach sounds. Add some green crepe paper streamers to the metal cover of a fan to emulate palm trees and create a cooling tropical breeze. This can create a perfect area for one-to-one work, relaxation and intensive interaction.

What to Do

Gather all the learners into the relaxation area and explain that they have arrived at 'smuggler's cove'. There are lots of new things to discover in smuggler's cove, so everyone would need to be ready to start exploring.

Provide each learner with an individual 'treasure basket' filled with a range of items to stimulate the senses. Consider using a different theme for each basket.



What You Need

Relaxation area

- Coconut-scented candle
- Access to *Audio Networks* through C2K to search for and download beach background music
- Fan
- Green crepe paper streamers

For seeing

(a box covered in lots of small craft mosaic mirrored tiles)

- Telescopes
- Magnifying glasses
- Pirate projection wheel
- Eye patches to try on
- Cardboard tubes (decorated by the learners)

For touch/feeling

(a box covered in sand and sequins)

- Feathers
- Beads
- Sand
- Shells
- Large cardboard coins covered in metallic foil
- Metal coins

For hearing

(a basket with old CDs attached to it)

- Access to *Audio Networks* through C2K to search for and download pirate background music
- Pirate phrases on communication devices or tablets
- Squawking parrot hand puppet

For smelling

(a transparent swimming bag or a net wash basket)

- Coconuts
- Coconut sun cream/Hand creams
- Sand and sea-scented candles
- Seaweed/Dulse

For tasting

(a treasure chest covered in fruit shapes (painted bubble wrap) made by the learners)

- Tropical punch
- Tropical fruit
- Pirate biscuits
- Dulse
- Chocolate coins