

# Pirate Party

## Areas of Learning

### Primary

The Arts (Drama)  
Personal Development and Mutual Understanding

### Post-Primary

The Arts (Drama)  
Learning for Life and Work (Personal Development)

## Setting the Scene

The 'Pirate Party' gives ideas for an activity, conclusion and celebration of achievement throughout the topic!

Provide learners with a costume box filled with a range of accessories for pirates, mermaids and parrots such as eye patches, pirate hats, stripy material, red and black felt capes, beads and jewelry, curly wigs, shimmery fabric, shell necklaces and coloured feather boas.

Collect props such as parrot toys, shiny coins, small toy swords, conches, pirate phrases, parrot noises and mermaid's song recorded on communication devices.

## What to Do

Support learners to make their own individual treasure chests from shoe boxes.

Create a pirate ship in the centre of the classroom with brown card or butcher paper with the 'Jolly Roger' flag at the helm.

Dress all the learners in pirate costumes and paint their faces if appropriate. Allocate props to those learners who are able to access them such as scabbards, eye patches, parrots, flags and so on.

Play pirate music and have the learners enter the pirate ship with a member of staff. Staff will make lots of pirate sounds as they enter the pirate ship with the learner.

Call the final ship's register in a pirate voice. Call the learner's name and allow them to respond with a 'Yo Ho Ho!' on a communication device or tablet where appropriate. Make sure to give each learner a turn.

Throughout the unit collect personal 'treasure' for the learners (art they have created, photos of them dressed up as pirates, a DVD of them joining in parachute games or a recording of their favourite pirate song). Present the learners' individual treasure chests to them, celebrating their achievements in turn.

As the teacher slowly waves the class flag all sing together to the tune of the traditional song 'The Big Ship Sailed on the Alley-Alley-O!' (unknown origin).

The Jolly Roger sailed but now it's time to go  
From Treasure Island go  
Together time to go  
The Jolly Roger sailed but now it's time to go  
Till it's time for our next adventure...

## Further Suggestions

### Books

For a wide variety of books visit [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) and search for books about pirates or treasure islands.

### Suggested songs

You can source a wide variety of CDs and downloads online.

Visit [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) for CDs of pirate songs. For older learners, visit [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) and search for CDS of sea shanties.

## Sound effects and music for theme

Visit [Audio Networks through C2k via MySchool](http://Audio Networks through C2k via MySchool).

### Suggested films

- *Peter Pan*
- *Hook*
- *Muppet Treasure Island*
- *Pirates of the Caribbean*

### Suggested Websites

Visit [www.helpkidzlearn.com](http://www.helpkidzlearn.com) and select 'Activities' followed by 'Games' for a Jungle Adventure.

Visit [www.learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org](http://www.learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org) and select 'Listen and Watch' for 'The Pirate's Song'. Search online for 'pirate crafts' and ideas associated with pirates.

Search online for the following songs:

- Blast the Pirate Ship
- Portside Pirates!
- Jake and the Neverland Pirates
- You Are a Pirate – Lazy Town

## What You Need

- Pirate ship card
- Pirate/Mermaid costumes and props
- Face paints
- Pirate music
- Communication device/ Tablet
- Individual treasure chests
- Class flag
- Brown paper/Butcher paper
- Camera/Photos of learners

