

Reading and Writing Activities:

Focused Book: Pirates

- Read or watch a selection of stories about pirates. As you read/watch encourage your child to talk about what is happening. Why is the pirate ...? Why do you think? How do you know the pirate is ...?
- Draw a picture of a pirate and describe what he/she is wearing and what they are doing.
- Create a treasure map and label the different parts of the map e.g. hills, mud, mountain.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PV7otWsA5nw> (Ben and Holly Red Beard, the elf pirate)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4zmPYVJuk> (Ben and Holly Pirate's Treasure)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vq9qCAXvnLk> (Let's Play Pirates)

- Continue to read a variety of books at home (favourites can be repeated).
- Draw an animal of your choice. Label the parts of the animal.
- Use your toys to act out a story. Encourage your child to think about what happens next

Creative Activities:

- Talk about a holiday or trip you have been on. Talk about what you did and why that might be your favourite trip/ holiday.
- How many star jumps can you do in 30 seconds? Talk about how long 30 seconds is. Did it feel like a long time? Can you count your own jumps?
- Go on a sense's scavenger hunt around our house. Use the sheet in the resources section to help you record what you find.
- Use your dressing up clothes or clothes from around your house to become a pirate.

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Topic:

- Make your own pirate ship using construction kits or junk modelling.
- Design your own pirate flag. What symbols would you have on your flag?
- Draw your own pirate ship and label the different parts of the ship.
- Investigate objects which float and objects which sink at home and talk about how and why they sink/ float.
- Create your own treasure from salt dough and hide it around your house

- Read the story, 'Dear Zoo' or watch the online video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rudDGRQ9QGA>
- Visit the book's website and play the interactive games:
<http://www.dearzooandfriends.com/games>
- Choose a soft toy animal or small animal figure and create a junk model container for it.
- Play animal charades. Take it in turns to act as different animals. Add in noises as a clue...
- Find all of the animal books in your house. Ask your child to look through the books in your house and to find any with animals on the front cover. Ask them to sort the books into groups of their choice e.g. animals that can fly.
- Create an animal den.

Maths Activities:

- Watch a Numberblocks episode each day.
www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks
- * Use this guide to help you:
www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/numberblocks-help-your-child-with-maths
- Play this counting game with your child:
<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/preschool/animals/farm/animalfarmgame.htm>
- Provide your child with water and a variety of containers. Encourage them to fill the containers in different ways. Can they make it full, half full or empty? This could even be a fun activity for bath time.
- Use different objects to create a pattern. Children may want to print their objects on paper with paint, or create a row of objects on a table. Describe the pattern.
- Play hide and seek. Encourage the use of positional language to explain the hiding places used e.g. I was under the table.

Phonics Activities:

- Continue to play games with your child which encourage them to listen to sounds and make sounds with their voices.
- Sing the song, 'Old McDonald Had a Farm'. Instead of saying the name of the animal, make the sound. Can your child figure out which animal it is?
- Play this game. Can your child listen to the animal sound and match it to the corresponding picture?
<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/match-sounds?phase=1>
- Make collections of objects with names beginning with the same sound. Create a song, such as 'What have we got in our sound box today?' and then show the objects one at a time.