







Early Years (Ladybirds and Dragonflies)

Story of the Week	10 Little Pirates
Story related activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk the plank! Follow the numbered footprints until you reach the water. There is a printable version available on the website but if you don't have access to a printer you can create your own with pens and paper. You could even put a paddling pool at the end to jump into. • Count the underwater creatures using the link to an interactive number game on the website. • Make a pirate hat. There is a template to copy, or you could draw your own. • Pirate themed counting to 5. Can your child count each picture accurately and identify the corresponding number? Encourage them to touch each image as they count. – There is a printable sheet on the website, however, it doesn't need to be printed for them to count the pictures. • Make a treasure chest sensory tray. Fill a container, box, tray etc with any dry sensory material, e.g. sand, compost, shredded paper, dry pasta, rice. Hide objects of 'treasure' for your child to find. This is a great activity to develop their fine motor skills, as well as an opportunity to model language. • Listen and join in with the Barefoot book song 'Portside Pirates'. Follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAngsMJD3I • Explore the texture of shells and sand. Create a 'beach scene' set up and add small figures, vehicles or sea creature toys.

General Activity Ideas

Phase 1 Phonics activity 	<p><u>Rhythm and Rhyme – Learning songs and rhymes</u></p> <p>Incorporate singing and rhyming activities into your child's daily routine. Play with rhyming words throughout the course of the day and have fun with them. Sing or chant nursery rhymes and encourage the children to move in an appropriate way;</p> <p>Rock gently to the beat of 'See Saw Marjorie Daw'.</p> <p>March to the beat of 'Tom, Tom the Piper's Son' and 'The Grand Old Duke of York'.</p> <p>Skip to the beat of 'Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush'.</p> <p>Rock to the beat of 'Row, row, row your boat'.</p> <p>Use a saucepan and wooden spoon to drum a beat to 'Old McDonald', Twinkle Twinkle, The Wheels on the Bus'.</p>
	<u>2D Shapes</u>

<p>Number / shape activity</p> 	<p>On the website you can find a pirate ship picture and the matching shapes to cut and stick. If you aren't able to print the page, you can easily draw out the shapes by hand.</p> <p>Encourage your child to match the cut out shape to the corresponding outline on the picture. Some children might be able to name the shape, or you could verbally label it for them to hear.</p> <p><u>3D Shapes</u></p> <p>Using empty packaging (boxes, bottles etc.), support your child to explore and manipulate the 3D shapes and then make a model of a ship. Try sailing it in a tray of water or even the bath to see if it floats or sinks.</p>
<p>Sensory play</p> 	<p><u>Sensory bottles</u></p> <p>Using empty plastic bottles, create some of your own sensory bottles. See the link for instructions.</p> <p>Be as creative as you like. Anything that is small enough to fit through the mouth of the bottle can be used. Try sparkles and sequins that catch the light, or add small shells and seaweed to make a beach themed bottle. There are endless variations. You can use food colouring in the water too.</p>
<p>Physical Development (Gross or Fine Motor)</p> 	<p><u>Threading</u></p> <p>Threading will support the development of hand-eye coordination and focus levels.</p> <p>It is also a great activity to develop fine motor skills in order to prepare children to write and draw, as well as functional hand actions such as doing up buttons, pulling zips, opening containers etc.</p> <p>You could try a number of resources for threading activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pipe cleaners in colanders Pasta tubes and laces Large beads or buttons and string Large cardboard tubes and scarves or ribbons Cheerios and wooden skewers
<p>Creative activity</p> 	<p><u>Water themed art:</u></p> <p>Use a variety of blue shades to paint or colour a 'watery' picture. To extend the activity, add glitter, sequins, tissue paper, cut out fish shapes to incorporate different textures. Also vary the material being painted or coloured onto. As well as plain paper, try cardboard, sandpaper, fabric, foil or bubblewrap to create different effects.</p> <p>See the website document for some ideas.</p>

Activities above in [blue](#), have corresponding resources uploaded on the website page.

Additional Documents on website this week



- Identify big and small objects in the Topmarks interactive game.
- Design your own pirate flag.
- Pirate themed colouring pages
- Pirate numbers cut and stick activity
- /p/ initial sound picture game
- Listen to this pirate themed instrumental music. Have it playing in the background whilst your child plays.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7Cpkup4g3I>