PIRATES CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 3

STORIES FROM THE SEA

NAUTIC ALLEY

Key learning outcomes
Creative thinking  Pleasure in telling stories
Imagination       Writing with care
Developing vocabulary

Activity
Drawing on the idea of Diagon Alley, a famous fictional place for wizards to shop, children can imagine that there is a similar secret place where pirates buy their ‘wares’. Where could Nautic Alley be? Why do pirates keep it secret? How do they get into it? What shops will be there?

Challenge children to look through the images from the collection of Pirate objects and list the things pirates would need to buy before they set off to sea. What else might they need?

Make a list of the shops in Nautic Alley. Older children might enjoy learning words like ‘ships’, ‘chandlers’ and ‘rope-makers’. Working in groups, ask children to create a shop window for one of these shops. This could be in a shoe-box. Remind them to make up the name of their shopkeeper and add price tags to their display items. Encourage them to use their ‘best handwriting’. Older children may be able to write slogans or descriptive labels for items to entice customers in.

If each group chooses a different shop front, the pictures or shoeboxes can be arranged to create a Nautic Alley display.

Resources
Coloured card
Shoe-boxes (optional)

More ideas
Choose one of the shops to turn into a role play area
Use the completed Nautic Alley to make up class stories or to inspire children’s individual stories
Using A2-size paper create some large pictorial price lists from shops in Nautic Alley. Give younger children shopping lists and problems to solve. Give older children ships’ inventories and ask them to kit themselves out for a journey, working to a budget.

Make a Pirate Museum instead of a shop. Children can write interesting object labels that could include poems.

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