PIRATES CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 4

STORIES FROM THE SEA

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT?

Key learning outcomes
Creative thinking
Developing vocabulary
Role play: creating roles and characters
Number skills and understanding money
Designing and making products for a purpose
Persuasive writing

Activity
Ask children to look closely at pictures of pirates. These can be images from the collection of Pirate objects on coins or in paintings, pictures in storybooks or even cartoons or pirate films. What do pirates wear on their heads? Do captains and first mates have different headwear to ordinary pirates?

Make a role-play hat shop using headscarves, bobble hats and stripy ‘ski hats’ as well as the more flamboyant tricorn-style hats. Outrageous new fashions could be on sale, made by adding pirate décor (feathers, skull-and- crossbones) to hats from the dressing up box or charity shops. Paper versions can be easily made to increase the stock or older children may like to create hats using felt.

Make pirate coins for currency remembering to give them different face values so that hats can have prices and children can do simple addition and subtraction when working out bills and change.

Children can label the items and also think of single words to put next to each picture that would appeal to pirates. Challenge older children to create a catalogue for the shop, with descriptions of each hat and persuasive writing to encourage customers to buy the more expensive hats.

Resources
Various hats
Mixed materials: e.g. feathers, paper, felt
Masking tape

More ideas
Have a piratical hat fashion show
Expand the shop’s stock to include accessories: scarves, eye patches, scabbards, earrings
Expand the business to take special commissions: can children design specific hats for very important customers?

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