PIRATES CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 5

STORIES FROM THE SEA

TALK LIKE A PIRATE

Key learning outcomes
Using paintings for historical enquiry
Developing empathy skills
Learning and applying new vocabulary

Activity
Using the whiteboard show the picture Lieut. Turner & Boats Crew of the Ship Tea, made Prisoners by the Ladrone Pirates, from the collection of Pirate objects. The painting shows action between two ‘sides’, pirates and the Royal Navy. Talk about what the people in the picture would be doing and saying just before and after this moment in time. In groups children can take turns to make their own ‘freeze-frame’ moment of action. Children can add speech and thought bubbles to the picture on the interactive whiteboard.

Children can record dialogue and soundscapes for the picture using MP3 recorders. To make this even more challenging include pirate words and sayings:

Ahoy! - Hello
Avast! - Stop and think again! Whoa! Check it out! No way!
Aye - ‘Why yes, I agree heartily with everything you just said or did’.
Aye aye - Order understood. I’ll get right on to that Captain.
Arrr! - This one is often confused with ‘arrrgh’, the sound you make when in pain. ‘Arrr!’ can mean ‘yes,’ ‘I agree’, ‘I’m happy’, ‘I’m enjoying this grog’.

More ideas
Children can choose an image from the collection of Pirate objects, add speech bubbles and write a story from the perspective of a character.