PIRATES CLASSROOM ACTIVITY 8

STORIES FROM THE SEA

PRETTY POLLY

Key learning outcomes
Creative thinking
Developing vocabulary
Recognizing initial letters
Alliteration

Activity
Show children the parrot image from the collection of Pirate objects. Have some fun with parrot sayings. Children can use squawky voices to contribute all the parrot sayings they can think of. Beginning with ‘Pretty Polly’ and ‘Pieces of eight’, what else might Polly have heard often enough to be able to learn how to say?

Ask one of the children to draw a large outline of a parrot. Drawing it small and using the whiteboard to project it onto bigger paper can help. Pretty Polly Pirate Parrot loves putting words together that start with the same letter. She’s already found the ‘captain’s cabin’. Challenge children to come up with more alliterative phrases. Write each one on a ‘feather’ and build up a picture of the colourful Polly. Use the images of piratical objects from the collection of Pirate objects to give children some starting points. Beginning with the nouns, can children think up an alliterative adjective?

Resources
Coloured paper
Pens

More ideas
Younger children

can play at being parrots who repeat things you say
might find it easier to begin with their own names to make Polly’s feathers. That way they just have to find an object that begins with the same letter as their name.

can simply write any words beginning with ‘P’ on Polly’s feathers to make a Pretty Polly Pirate Parrot.

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