

Pirate Song



When I was ONE I sucked my thumb,
The day I went to sea.
I jumped aboard a pirate ship,
And the captain said to me -

We're going this way, that way,
Forwards and backwards,
Over the Irish Sea,
We're going this way, that way,
Forwards and backwards,
That's the life for me!

When I was TWO I buckled my shoe
When I was THREE I bashed my knee
When I was FOUR I knocked on the door
When I was FIVE I learnt to dive

Make your own pirate ship

For this activity you will need:-

A plastic bottle/ milk carton/ butter tub

Paper

Straw

Pens

Using the bottle/ tub as the ship, attach a straw to be the mast and attach some paper to be the flags. You could decorate your flags yourself before you attach them on. Decorate the bottle with any materials you fancy, you could use household materials such as tin foil. Make sure that whatever you cover your bottle with is safe in water.

At bath time, put your boat in the bath, does it float or sink? If you have any small people figures or toy fish you could engage in some imaginative play, can the boat capture the people? Can they escape? Can the fish swim alongside the boat?

Treasure hunt

Pirates love treasure! Set up a treasure hunt for your child around the house/ garden. You could ask them to look for numbers and then order them, look for objects such as a toy, or you could leave clues that lead them to the 'treasure'.

You could also play the game 'hotter and colder' where you hide something and as your child gets closer, they're 'hotter' and as they get further away, they're 'colder'. Can your child hide something from you and tell you if you're 'hotter' or 'colder'?



Make a treasure chest

For this activity you will need...

An empty egg box

Decorations (pens, paint, paper from your craft bag)

'Treasure' e.g. beads, pom poms, pennies etc

First, decorate the egg box to resemble a treasure chest, using yellows, oranges and golds. On each hole, write a number starting with 1. Get your child to match the amount of treasure to the number e.g. 1 penny, 2 pennies etc. Try with numbers up to 5, then extend this to numbers up to 10.

