

## Treasure Hunt ideas:

- Use the pirate posters (there are 14 pictures, but use as many as you would like) to hide around the house, or the garden (or both). Perhaps they could write down where it was found in the house and describe the item.
- Hide items (toys/ pictures/ words around the house or garden. When they find the item they have to do certain physical actions.

Treasure chest	Lie on your back and tuck up into a ball and open legs and arms out repeat x 5 (opening the treasure chest)
Compass	Stand up, put arms out straight (like a T) and turn ¼ turns, ½ turn,(depending on ability)
Pirate	Pretend to climb the rigging (climbing action with high knees)
Jolly roger flag	Wave your arms around like a flag blowing in the wind.
Sword	Pretend to sword fight with an opponent.
Treasure mat	Pretend to open up/ unroll the map and jump on the spot in excitement.
Parrot	Pretend to fly like a parrot, moving arms up and down.
Anchor	Pull the anchor up from the sea – bend your legs like a squat and pretend to be pulling upwards.





## Pirate games and activity ideas.



Pirate's Cove

**Section off an area/ rppm/ garden for children to go through inside and say it is the cove. Have a search for buried treasure:**

Get a trunk (suitcase, toy box, footstool that opens up) If you have the resources you could draw on paper and stick on, or paint on a skull and crossbones. Add in a lot of play sand, or clothes to 'hide' the item, and "bury" little dime-store treasures for kids to find. Make up treasure bags (sandwich bags?) with crossbones on them for the kids to put the "treasures" in. Have another box of sand with "sea shore" finds – gather shells and seaweeds to put in the box of sand (stones, sticks, weeds?)

### **Island Hopping**

Place several pillows around a large open area. Tell your children they are islands. Have the children hop from island to island without falling in the water. Make up stories about pirates and alligators while playing.

### **Treasure Game**

Cut circles from cardboard. Wrap each circle in aluminum foil to represent coins. To Play – Hide the coins around the room/ garden. To begin the game, announce that another group of Pirates snuck onto the ship and has stolen all of our treasure. We must all look for and rescue our treasure.

### **Measure Hunt**

To help with understanding mm, centimetres and metres. Give your children/ children a specific number (use ruler to help remind lengths and approximate measurements.) eg. 10cm. They could guess/ approximate the length of item, or actually measure object.

They could search the room for objects of that length and record what they found... measure pencils, tables, family members hands or feet, big books, picture frames, lamp, pillow, anything they could find!

After a certain amount of time, the 'pirates' could go their "ship" (desk) and create a poster of a treasure chest. Inside the lid, it says the measurement they were searching for. In the treasure chest, they drew pictures of the objects they found. They then shared their posters with the class.

If getting too noisy they could be warned that any pirate who got too noisy was going to “walk the plank!”

**What’s the time Mr Pirate? (like what’s the time Mr Wolf.)**

**1 player with their back to the group ( depending on space, 5-10 strides away)**

**The group ask what’s the time Mr Pirate? ‘Pirate’ turns around and replies with a number (depending on distance) then faces away from the group who take the number of steps. Repeat. When get closer, the pirate will reply ‘WALK THE PLANK’ or whatever you choose and chase players back to the start.**

### **Pirate Scavenger Hunt**

Hide the items in the area beforehand then the kids are given a list of what to find.

(Use pictures or make object if you have the resources)

1 skull & cross bones

1 Jolly Roger Flag

4 golden doubloons (chocolate gold covered coins)

1 bottle of rum (use those little liqueur chocolate bottles)

3 jewels (different colored beads, red for rubies, green for emeralds and so on)

1 gold earring

2 parrot feathers (bird feather from nearby/ collect on a walk

1 treasure map

(add your own ideas with whatever is in the house/ garage?)

Give the children an allotted time to find as many items on the list.

### **Making pirate treasure**

Materials rocks white glue powder paint sequins glitter. Children paint their rocks with paint (white glue mixed with powder paint). Then they stick on the sequins and glitter to make their pirate treasure.

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### **Treasure hunt**

Before children arrive, wrap goodies in gold foil (tine foil?!) or wrapping paper. Hide them around the house. At a given signal, the children can hunt for the hidden treasure and place it in their treasure chests or a “loot” bag of some kind.

