

out&about

School grounds focus:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How can we get there?
- Making the changes
- Using your grounds

Curriculum focus:

- History
- English language and literacy

Purpose of this activity:

- To explore how people lived in the past
- To use imaginative and active play to show how their lives were different in the past

Equipment and materials:

- Collection of large stones
- Treasure chest with treasure in it
- Pirate picture books
- Coloured chalk

Preparation:

- Show the children pirate pictures from story books, including pictures of ships, costume, treasure, etc.
- Discuss associated vocabulary and what different items were used for.
- Paint stones with pirate words on one side and a pirate picture of something different (not the same as the word) on the other.

What to do:

- Hide the stones around the school grounds.
- Follow the 'stone clues' to find the treasure chest. Start by giving the children a word clue – for example, 'hook'. Ask them to find the stone with the hook picture, then turn over the stone and read the word on the bottom – for example, cannon. Ask them then to find the stone with the cannon picture, turn over the stone and read the next word.
- Get them to continue until they find the stone with the treasure chest picture. They should look under the stone to find the final clue to the location of the treasure chest – for example, in the bike shed.

Extensions:

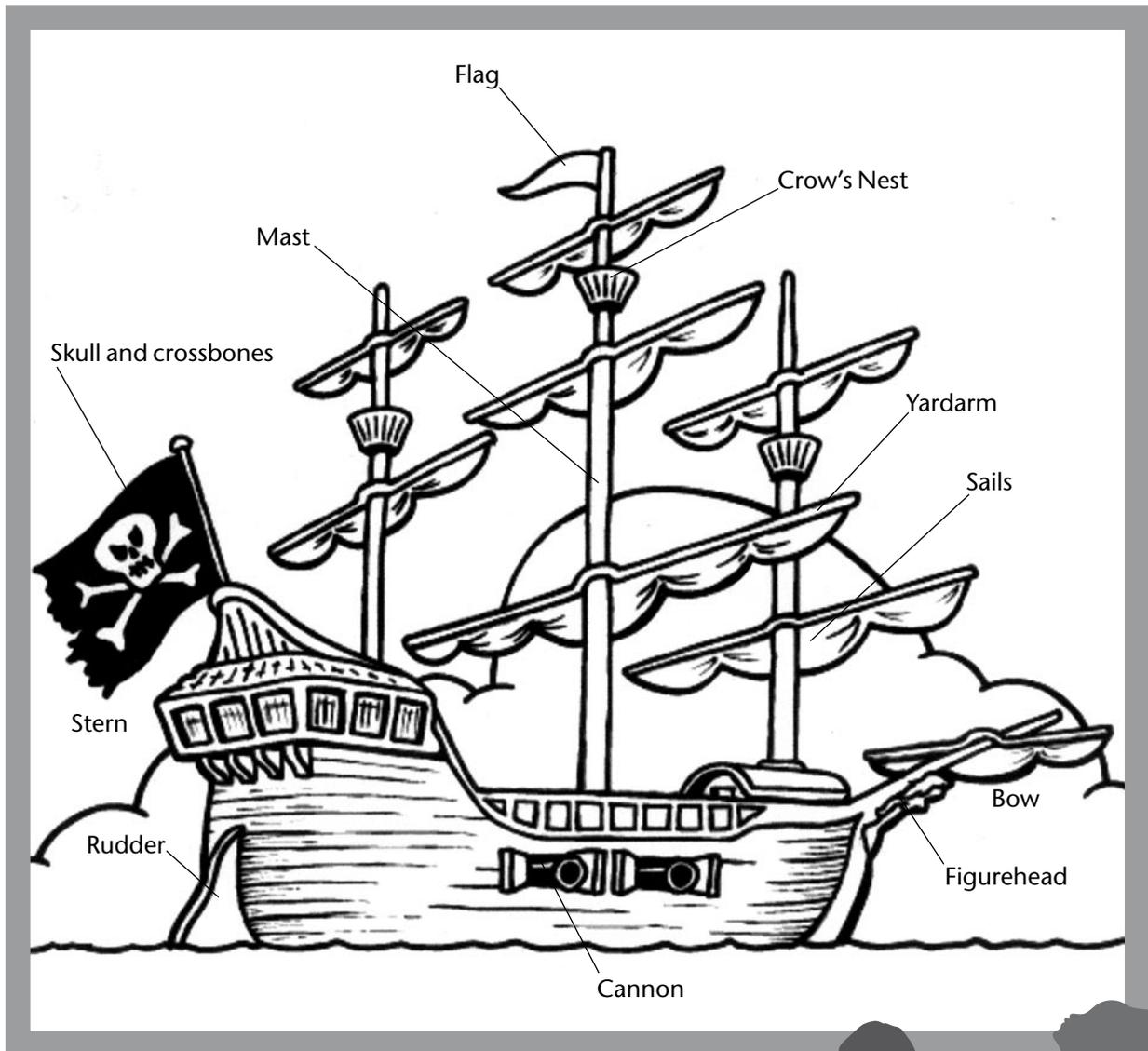
- Show the children pictures of pirate ships (see over page). Ask them to name the parts of the ship they know and repeat new vocabulary, such as mast, porthole, flag, crow's nest, sails etc. Then get the children in groups to work together to draw large pirate ships on the playground using chalk. Ask the groups to agree the important elements they should include in their ship, using the words and pictures discussed earlier.
- Once all groups have finished the above activity, gather together and draw up an agreed list of criteria for a good pirate ship drawing.
- Record chalk pictures with a digital camera and use as part of a pirate display indoors.

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The jolly pirate ship



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