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PIRATES!



A fun Class Assembly or Presentation

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PRODUCTION NOTES

This school assembly has been written for a class of approximately 30 students, to be performed over approximately 20 minutes. It includes factual comments, a small acting element, songs, a dance, poem and the opportunity to show school art work.

Although the assembly has been written for 30 students, the assembly can easily be adapted for a class of 15-45 by reallocating the lines between the children.

COSTUMES

Given the assembly is about pirates, it could be that each child in the assembly dresses in their own pirate clothes. It is very easy to simply dress them in striped t shirts, bandanas, eye patches etc.

NOTE: The following visuals, typical of costumes of the period, may help you to assemble costumes:



VISUALS

Pictures are not essential to this presentation but they would enhance it. We have given some examples in the text. Depending on what equipment available to you, or how much you want the class to have an input to producing the visuals, these images can either be hi-tech or low tech. In other words, you could source images to your computer and display them remotely on a display unit on the stage or you could have a flipchart that displays artwork the children have done which is flipped over by one of the children to reveal the next image to illustrate the presentation. You can easily access a wealth of visuals by typing "Images of (subject matter)" into your search engine. We also recommend that the children do some artwork in class to display at this assembly.

PROPS

Curved plastic swords

Pictures of different types of ships (*For CHILDREN 11,12,13 & 14*)

(Links for ship images below)

A Corsair:

http://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CAcQjRw&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.vallejogallery.com%2Fit%2Fem.php%3Fid%3D184&ei=dkCFVZH_Nuec7gaL3oOQCg&bvm=bv.96339352,d.ZGU&psig=AFQjCNFjwmqcLCn4k15YMCbNsgQdk68xVA&ust=1434882550058653

A Spanish Galleon:

<http://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CAcQjRw&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.internetstones.com%2Fatocha-emeralds-nuestra-senora-de-mel-fisher-treasure-salvors-inc-santa-margarita.html&ei=OEGFVabsC6GV7Ab25IGoBg&bvm=bv.96339352,d.ZGU&psig=AFQjCNE15PDUH0fRHjZx2cGAtL--wSr6UA&ust=1434882704017237>

A Frigate:

http://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CAcQjRw&url=http%3A%2F%2Fnews.bbc.co.uk%2F%2Fhi%2Ffin_pictures%2F5133002.stm&ei=1EGFVa-ZFOXO7gbrxIF4&bvm=bv.96339352,d.ZGU&psig=AFQjCNEChbL06m9VjANs6O7ph3xY0k6Nog&ust=1434882890874111

A Sloop

http://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CAcQjRw&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.staugustinelighthouse.org%2FLAMP%2FHistorical_Research%2Fa-brief-historical-overview&ei=IEKFVeSJBuKa7gbYh4KIBw&bvm=bv.96339352,d.ZGU&psig=AFQjCNFQjClFjzzZJmx4-tXCuDeeXF2XsQ&ust=1434882945656766

All children to have paintings to hold up of pirate flags.

SONGS

The following songs are suggested in the assembly, however could be easily substituted with other relevant tunes.

1/ Pirates of the Caribbean theme tune (*mp3 download from Amazon*)

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Theme-Pirates-Caribbean/dp/B0025DMGE8/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1434792899&sr=8-2&keywords=Pirates+of+the+Caribbean+theme+tune

2/ What shall we do with the grumpy pirate? (*sung unaccompanied to the tune of What Shall We Do With A Drunken Sailor?*)

3/ 'When I was one....This way, that way, forward, backward over the Irish Sea'

<http://musicbus.com/resources/song-words/song-words-p/pirate-song/>

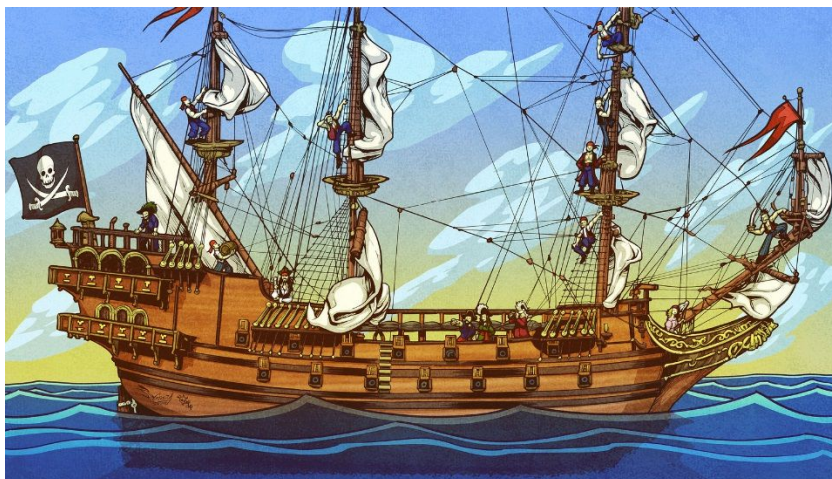
(*some slight word modifications*)

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A KEY STAGE 1 ASSEMBLY

CHILD 1 walks into the stage at the front of the assembly to perform the introductions.

(Suggested visual of pirate ship)



CHILD 1

Ah ha, Me Hearties, welcome to our Class's 'Pirate' Assembly. We would like to welcome you with a Pirate dance we have been learning.

(Some (or all) Children walk on to the stage and dance to Instrumental of Pirates of the Caribbean. Include pretend sword fighting movements and 'pirate' faces.

When the dance is finished, if the whole class did not take part, the other children of the class can walk in, and take their positions on the stage.

CHILDREN 2 to 6 come forward.)

CHILD 2

About 300 years ago, pirates were people who attacked and robbed ships at sea. Usually, they targeted ships that were carrying valuable cargo, like gold and silver. There were different types of pirates called Privateers, Buccaneers and Corsairs. Each type of pirate was slightly different from the other.

(Visual of typical pirates)