These activities and ideas are based around the books “The Night Pirates” by Peter Harris & Deborah Allwright and “Troll” by Julia Donaldson & David Roberts

All activities could be done without the books!
Other linked stories to read and enjoy.
All our activities can be used with these books too!
Make your own Pirate Ship

In all our stories the pirates have a pirate ship!

Use your design and maths skills to make a ship that can carry some important pirate treasure after following your treasure map!

Your challenge is to make a ship that can hold 5 pieces of treasure!
Talking Together

Have a look around the house for something you think will float for example a margarine tub or a plastic bottle or a lid. Grown ups if you have any corks around these will all help your pirate ship!

Think about the design of your ship. Will it have windows? What shape will they be? A good ship will need a mast and a sail.

All ships have a name.

What will you call your ship?

Test out your ship to see if it will hold 5 pieces of treasure.
Jolly Rodger

The very famous flag pirates have on their ship is called “The Jolly Rodger.”

Can you make your own flag and give it a name?

Troll has made his own flag for his book!
Talking Together

You will need some big paper, or small if you want to make it for the little ship you have made. Other ideas, you could use an old plain T-shirt or any other spare plain fabric. You will need a stick like a lolly stick or straw for a small one or even a broom handle for a larger one!

The jolly Rodger was designed to warn that the pirates were coming! Will yours be a warning or a welcome?
Talking Together

Your challenge is to make your flag the same on both sides
(Symmetrical)

Fold your paper/card/fabric down the middle – draw a faint pencil line to help you. If you put a square on one side you have to do it on the other!

Have fun and see who rises to the super maths pirate challenge!