

Listen to the story 'The Treasure Hunt' and then try these Science activities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0o8xqbdIY0>

Blow and suck

They need to move the treasure somewhere really safe, but it's too precious to be touched by their hands. Let children investigate what happens when they blow and suck through a straw. Can they push and pull the air and use their breath to pick up different items or treasures? Provide a collection of items such as raisins, marbles, beads, balloons, feathers, small plastic toys, Maltesers, balls, etc., and two small baskets. Can they suck on the straw and use their breath to move the different items from one place to another to help the pirates? Why are some things easier to move than others?

Special treasure hunt

Use the egg boxes as treasure boxes again, but this time group objects according to different criteria. Make a box of reflective materials - old CD, shiny ribbon, aluminium foil, small mirror, key, glass bead; wood/natural materials - wooden brick, bark, twig, shell, leaf, feather, pebble; textiles - net, velvet, lace, wool, nylon, fun fur, felt, leather, cotton, plastic.

Jumble up all the contents together. Can the children sort them into the special treasure boxes? Let children use a magnifying glass to look closely at some of their treasures.

Choose a selection of treasures to use in a treasure hunt. Hide them around the setting, inside or outside, and leave clues for the children to follow. Place a final treasure chest full of chocolate coins to share at the end.