

Continuing the Learning Journey at home: Reception

English – Our book is "Night Pirates" by Peter Harris

You can watch the story at [Storytime with Julie \(Youtube\)](#)

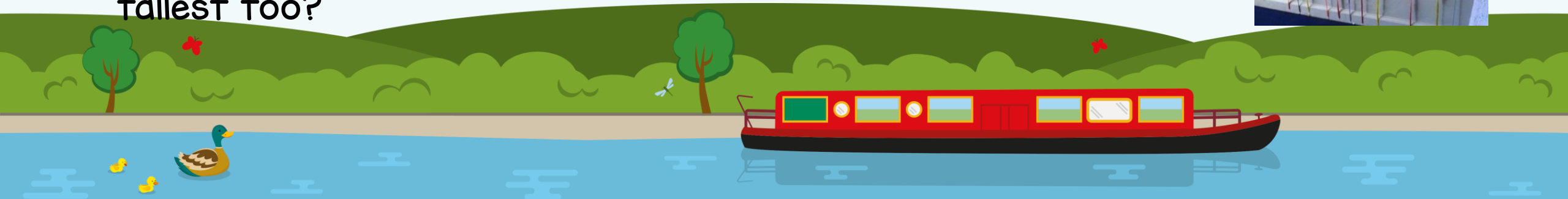
- Who are the characters in the story? Draw a picture of one of the pirates and describe them.
- Find a picture of picture of a pirate ship. Draw and label it.
- The pirates disguised their ship with the front of a house. What would you choose?
- The girl pirates stole the treasure chest. Write down what you think was inside.



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Maths – We are focusing on

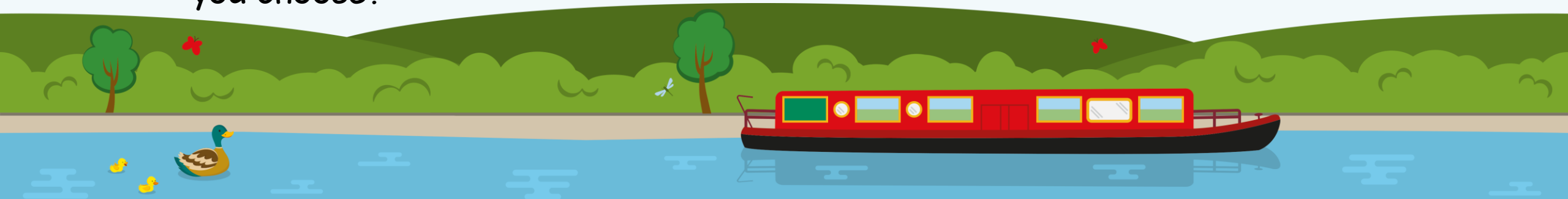
- Can you make a pirate flag using 2D shapes? Talk about the names of the shapes and how many sides and corners they have. Are the sides straight or curved?
- Write out numbers to 10 or 20 on cards. Can you make a number-line with them?
- Play hide and seek. Count to 20 while you wait for the other person to hide.
- Measure all the people in your family and make a spring flower to match their height. Who is the tallest? Who is the shortest? Can you put the flowers in height order?
- Draw around your hands and feet. Can you use something to measure them? It could be a ruler or tape measure or even how many blocks long they are. Try and do the same for someone else in your family. Who has the longest feet? Were they the tallest too?



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The Night Pirates - Topic

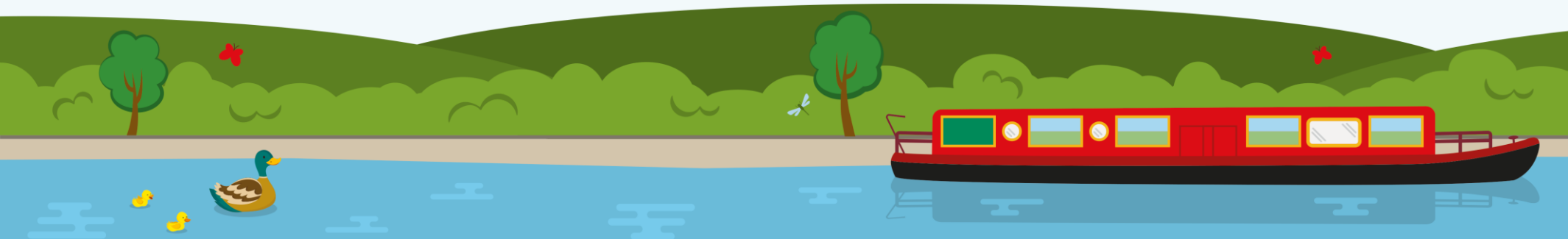
- Paint a picture of your favourite part of the story
- Make a pirate ship out of cushions and blankets and pretend to go on a pirate adventure. Pack a bag for what you might need on your journey.
- Can you make a pirate treasure chest to hide all your treasure in? You could even make some treasure too.
- Make a floating origami boat out of paper. Here is a link to a youtube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiNQv4s7dwU> but there are lots of ideas online.
- Research on the internet the different jobs a pirate could have. What job would you choose?



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We are learning about Spring

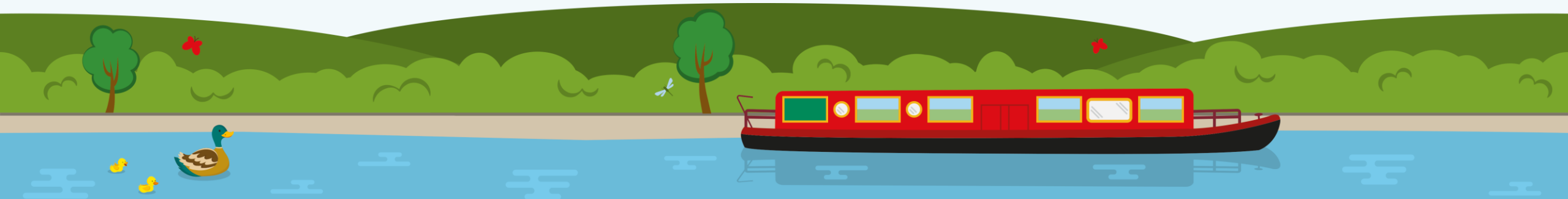
- Go on a Spring walk and take photos/draw pictures/write down and collect all of the things that you can find that are linked to spring.
- Create a spring picture using the objects that you found on your Spring walk.
- Grow a seed in a jar - <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/seed-jar-science-experiment-kids/> and record your findings.
- Create a blossom tree using twigs from outside as the trunk and branches and pink paint/pink paper, pink crayons or real blossom to create the pink blossom on the branches. If you have pink paint, you could use your fingers to blot on the blossom petals.
- Go on an Easter egg hunt! Count how many eggs you have found!
- Create your own Easter egg!
- Create your own Easter card!
- Make a Spring lamb using cotton wool for their coat.
- Make a beautiful bird's nest from wool/ yarn and glue!



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We are building up our muscles to improve our pencil grip!

- Practise attaching pegs to the washing line or a piece of card. How many can you do in 1 minute?
- Make some playdough by mixing ingredients by hand (lots of recipes online).
- Go to Dough Disco on Youtube to dance with your playdough!
- Thread shoelaces through the holes in shoes. Learn how to tie laces up.
- Practise putting on and off your coat, pull up zips etc. Try and get dressed each day all by yourself! Race someone in your family.
- Pour some flour, mud, hair gel etc into a tray and practise writing with your finger or using a stick. What numbers and letters can you write?



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PE – Exercise like a pirate!

- Find a space where you can walk or run safely. Practice stopping and starting and changing direction.
- How many jumps, hops, spins, touching your toes can you do in 1 min, 2 mins and 3 minutes.
- Practice bouncing a ball on the ground. Can you bounce a ball on a bat or saucepan?
- Practice throwing and catching a ball, beanbag or toy.
- Draw a line along the follow. Practice balancing along it.
- Draw some pirates and stick them onto plastic bottles. Roll a ball and see how many you can knock over.
- Listen to a sea shanty song and do a pirate dance. Jump from side to side, forwards and backwards. What other dance moves can you think of?

