

TREASURE MAP STORY

Evie and Rufus were playing at the beach. Evie saw a bottle floating in the sea. There was something inside it. Evie opened the bottle and took it out.

"What is it?" asked Rufus. "Is it a map? It is a map!!!"

Evie and Rufus studied the map. "I think it's a treasure map" said Evie. Pointing to a cross on the map, Evie cried: "And that's where the treasure is buried!"

"Wow, buried treasure" said Rufus. "Maybe it's gold. Or silver. Or jewels. Let's follow it!"

Together they studied the map. It seemed to show the beach they were on. "I think we are standing right here" said Evie. "And I think the buried treasure is here" she continued, pointing to a cross on the map.

"Let's go! Let's go!" said Rufus. "You read the map and I'll lead the way!"

Evie read out as Rufus marched in front of her. "Walk 80 metres east."

"1, 2, 3...78, 79, 80!" counted Rufus.

Evie continued: "Turn right at the big pile of seaweed and go straight on until the creek. Jump over the creek, turn left and keep walking. Turn right in front of the big, round rock. Walk straight ahead for 50 metres."

Rufus counted: "1, 2, 3...48, 49, 50."

"Now" said Evie, "go through the cave. Mind your head! Walk straight across the grass to the footpath. Turn left onto the footpath and walk along the footpath for 200 metres. Turn back down to the beach. There are three rocks in the shape of a triangle. The treasure is in the middle of the triangle."

Rufus and Evie raced to the rock triangle. They dug into the sand.

"Look, a treasure chest!" cried Rufus. "Let's open it!"

They prised open the chest. Inside was some sand and an old note.

The note said -

*'Dear Finder,
Sorry, but I took my silver and gold. I needed to buy a new pirate ship and shoes.
Bye, Captain Shortbeard.'*

"Oh no" cried Rufus, who had already decided what he would do with his treasure.

Meanwhile Evie was studying the back of the note. She had found another treasure map. An even bigger map.

"Rufus, have a look at this..."