

## Willows Pirates Ahoy!

Shiver me timbers. Land Ahoy landlubbers.

Calling all pirates to set sail on the Willows pirate ship on a learning journey across the seas to find adventure and treasure. We will be reading a range of pirate adventure books and our focus book this term will be *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson. We are encouraging all the children in the class to develop their ideas and creativity further at home by reading a range of Pirate adventure books, visiting a library (where and when safely possible), watching pirate adventure films and researching pirates on line.

On the way we will be discovering new hot and cold continents around the world through geography, as the pirates embark on new adventures. We will also be planning and drawing treasure maps with a key and navigating around our treasure island's using directions and writing instructions to direct our beebot pirates around the many dangers and traps to discover the hidden treasure. We will be writing narratives and letters about our pirate adventures.

Through science we will be investigating the best materials to design and make a pirate ship exploring materials and their properties so please could you send in any cleaned junk modelling equipment such as milk bottles, drinks bottles, yogurt pots, butter cartons etc.

Our art focus will be using paint and mixing colours. We will look at Monet and Damien Hirst and explore their use of colours and patterns to develop our own pieces of artwork.

We are exploring our school FAITH values and finding out what good news Jesus and God brings to us.

In Maths we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and we will be continuing to develop our addition and subtraction skills when using money.

To celebrate all things Pirate, Willows will also be having a Pirate day to end the term on Friday 10th February. So come on land lubbers, find some old clothes, get creative and wear your pirate costume into school for more pirate fun all day. Also bring your home learning in on this day to share your wonderful creative special treasures treasure chest. Further information and detail on this home learning focus will be forwarded in due course.