Land Ahoy!

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum! Get ready to take to the high seas and set sail in search of treasure!

This term, we'll visit a boat yard, river or harbour to find out about boats and ships of all shapes and sizes. We'll write about our visit, read information books, investigate amazing sea rescues and write postcards and poetry influenced by the sea. Our science skills will help us to understand how boats float and we'll design and make model ships using a variety of materials. We'll study paintings of boats and draw detailed pictures of our own. Our map reading skills will help us to identify different seas and oceans, and we'll learn about famous sea explorers. Stories of pirates will inspire us to make pirate flags, treasure maps and fact files. We'll even find out how to talk and sing like a pirate! Shiver me timbers; it's going to be good!

Help your child prepare for their project
The sea is fascinating! Why not take a trip to the coast? Visit the harbour, lifeboat station and beach and take plenty of interesting photographs. You could also make boats from plastic cartons, cardboard boxes and polystyrene trays. Add sails and cargo then see which boats sail around the bath successfully! Alternatively, sing along to some lively sea shanties performed by The Fisherman's Friends from Port Isaac in Cornwall. Visit their website to access free sample tracks.

Home Learning
- Visit your local library to read and borrow story and information books about the sea. Write or film a book review about your favourite.
- Make a pirate treasure chest using a lidded box and other recycled materials. What will you keep in your treasure chest? Bring it to school to show your class and explain how you made it.
- Make a map of your home and local area to show all the main features. Include physical landmarks such as beaches, hills or forests, as well as human features such as shops, farms or harbours. Where would be a good place to hide treasure? Can you plot a route to find it?

Curriculum focus	Geography
English	Stories, information books, descriptions, poetry, postcards, instructions
Mathematics	Mass, position, direction and movement. Addition and subtraction, calculating with money
Science	Everyday materials
History	Significant historical people – Captain James Cook, Grace Darling, famous pirates
Art and Design	Observational drawing, printing
Computing	Programming, using presentation software
D & T	Mechanisms, structures
Geography	Using and making maps, using and giving directions
Music	Sea shanties
PSHE	Celebrating Differences
RE	Celebrations