



## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

This week we have explored one of our favourite themes...Pirates!

We have seen the children make wonderfully detailed treasure maps and have loved listening to the conversations that these spark. Who knew that a simple question such as "what could you draw on your map?" could lead to exciting chat about glow in the dark spiders, sharks with only one tooth and a plan to build rafts to escape from the pirates! We weren't just 'drawing', we were building adventures on paper.

We have made the most of some beautiful weather this week and took our pirate adventures outside. The children designed their own pirate flag, decorated telescopes to keep a look out for pirate ships passing by and have practiced the very important skill of balancing ... essential for a pirate sent to walk the plank!

This week we also had International Women's Day. The theme this year is 'Break The Bias,' so we decided to ask the children about jobs they would like in the future. We looked at photos and books of women working in traditionally male dominated industries. The children were able to talk about the roles and the qualities somebody might need to have that role, e.g. brave and strong. We hope all our children continue to grow up believing that they can go on to be anything that they dream of!

### Request for metal objects

These are for our treasure baskets and tinkering trays. No small objects that are easy to swallow!



### Baby Photos

Please can you bring in a baby photo of your child for our photo album (if you haven't done so already). The children enjoy looking through the album and guessing who the babies are. This fits in nicely with our 'Growing' theme next week.

### Parent and Key Person meetings

w/c 21st and 28th March.

We can offer a face to face ten-minute appointment or a phone meeting if that's easier. The booking form is out now. Please see Michelle or Lizzie to book your appointment with your child's key person.

### **Comic Relief - Friday 18th March**

Come to Preschool dressed in something red, just like Love Monster! We will enjoy dancing and monster craft and games in exchange for a donation towards Comic Relief.

### Term Dates

#### Spring Term 11 weeks

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Comic Relief (wear red)  
 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Rev Anne Visit  
 Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Mar – PJ Drama workshop  
 End of term - Friday 1st April

#### Summer Term 13 weeks

Start of term - Tues 19th April –  
 Half term – Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June  
 Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May  
 Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June – Farm Visit  
 End of term - Thurs 21st July

<https://www.flyingstartmolesey.com/term->

### Song of the week:

**"The Big Ship Sailed"**

### **Makaton this week are:**

[Pirate](#) and [Boat](#)

### **Value of the Month**

#### **TRUST**

Flying Start has 3 main aims, which are NURTURE - ENGAGE – INSPIRE. As part of our first aim of Nurture, is TRUST. We aim to build positive relationships with parents and children. Trust forms the basis of these relationships. Our parents trust us to keep their child safe and trust our judgement and professionalism to enable their child to flourish. Children need to be safe, nurtured, connected to others and motivated to learn by risk-taking, trust and respect are the cornerstones in meeting those needs. When children feel safe and nurtured they can access the curriculum and make good progress.