## Wildwood Days pirate parties

Pirates is one of our most popular themes so we have some tried and tested activities to choose from. Again, we're always willing to try something a bit different so just ask if you want an activity that's not listed. As part of your standard party package you can choose 3 of the following activities. We haven't run a pirate party yet that hasn't had a treasure hunt and the pirate ship so we'd strongly recommend those but the third activity is up to you! Pirate parties are best for ages 5 and up.

**Treasure trail** – a trail of clues is set around the site leading to a buried treasure chest ('X' marks the spot!) full of golden chocolate coins (one for each child). There are picture clues, puzzles and a treasure map.

**Fishing** (in a paddling pool full of water) – this can be a team game or a timed challenge, especially with older children. There can be a prize for the person/team with the most fish/points or we can do a non-competitive version if you'd prefer. Great fun in summer!

Make a flag – where possible we try to do this using natural materials and the children can paint the design with mud and/or berry juice. We either make a group giant flag to put up on the pirate ship or make mini flags they can take home. Children love making their own paint using our pestle and mortars.

**Pirate ship construction** – the children work together to make a ship wreck by placing posts around to make the outline of a boat. We provide a ship's wheel and a flag to raise up the mast. They then get the chance to play on and around the boat (there is some rigging and a crow's nest on the slope nearby).

Sharks & islands game - A fun run-around game: children have to run from island to island whilst avoiding being eaten by the sharks (either adults or children wearing a fin on their backs). Gets everyone moving!

> **Mud cannon balls** – A target board is pinned to a tree. The children then have to make and fire (throw) mini mud cannon balls at the targets. This can be scored individually or as teams or not at all. Fantastic muddy fun!







