



SPACE

Communication and Language/ Literacy	Mathematics	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Understanding the World	Physical Development	Expressive Arts and Design
<p>We will do lots of reading, writing, speaking and listening and phonics activities based around both fiction and non-fiction Space texts.</p> <p>Books will include ‘Whatever Next’ ‘Aliens love Underpants’ ‘How to catch a Star’ and many more.</p> <p>Activities include; role playing the stories using props, finding out about space using the computers, writing lists of what we would take to the moon. Rhyming activities and reading an aliens school book!</p>	<p>Activities will be based around number. We will be adding up and taking away stars in space. Ordering rockets by the number and estimating how many aliens can fit in to a rocket. We will also focusing on shape; 2d and 3d shapes. As well as learning the shapes properties we will be using shapes to build rockets, planets etc.</p> <p>Another important focus will be number formation and how to write numbers to 20. Other activities include counting backwards to launch a rocket and making papier-mâché moons!</p>	<p>We will develop children’s social and emotional skills by providing lots of activities requiring sharing, turn-taking and cooperation, such as making and playing with large scale toys such as building rockets and playing in the space station home corner. We will read books that talk about respect and kindness and celebrate our own and others’ differences.</p>	<p>Many activities will be based around the development of children’s investigative skills, including exploration of our planet and ‘moon rocks’. We will also be investigating the space small world play using different sensory materials; a light and dark experiment in ‘space’ and looking at the planets! We will also develop our global awareness by finding out a little about our earth and where we live. ICT activities will include using a beebot to explore a ‘the moon’ and other wonderful planets, designing our own alien and his very important possessions.</p>	<p>PE lessons will include a number of sessions encouraging the children to move with confidence and imagination to develop their own ‘space dance’, culminating in a final performance to music. We will also do some gymnastic activities involving moving around, under, over and through equipment like astronauts moving over rocks and craters in search of life. Fine motor skills will be developed by lacing and sewing activities, cutting and sticking and using items such as play dough and tools.</p>	<p>We will be making our very own rocket just like in the story of ‘Whatever Next’ . In food technology we will make Space biscuits, and have a food tasting session based around how and what they would eat in space. In music we will learn some Space songs and rhymes and add percussion instruments to music, thinking about how to make long and slow sounds. We will be thinking about the sounds of rockets blasting in to space, alien sounds and moon walking sounds.</p>

Homework/Spellings
 Please continue to **read daily** with your child and record a comment in their reading diary. It is very important that children do have an opportunity to read with you every day. We keep a record of each child’s reading percentages. For any children not reading every day at home, names will logged as a concern. Additionally please practice their letters and sounds regularly as well as reading and writing blue high frequency words and the green words which you will receive when your child is ready.

PE Days
 PE this half-term will again be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that children have their full kits available in school; This includes a black/navy tracksuit.

If any parents have books, models, toys or anything else related to space I would be very grateful to borrow them to enrich the children’s learning.

If any parents feel they have an expertise, knowledge or particular interest in any aspect of what we are covering we would love to hear from you.

As always, if anyone has any questions or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs North