




SPACE

Communication and Language/ Literacy	Mathematics	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Understanding the World	Physical Development	Expressive Arts and Design
<p>During the Spring term we will be practicing our reading during our daily phonics sessions. As part of these sessions we will learn new sounds and how to apply these to both our reading and writing. The children will be given plenty of opportunities to practice their sentence writing skills. For example they will be writing simple space stories, facts, postcards and rhymes etc. We will be encouraging the children to accurately use capital letters and full stops.</p>	<p>Last term the children began to recognise 2D and 3D shapes, this term the children will extend their knowledge of shapes and will learn mathematical terms to describe these shapes such as edges and faces. We will continue to work on number skills such as counting forwards and backwards and ordering. The children will begin to measure items with direct comparison in order using length and height. We will be measuring short periods of time in simple ways. We will also be introducing the children to money and simple money problems.</p>	<p>We will develop children's social and emotional skills by providing lots of activities requiring sharing, turn-taking and cooperation. We will read books that talk about respect and kindness and celebrate our own and others' differences.</p>	<p>During our Space topic the children will learn all about the planets in our solar system. We will learn simple facts about these planets using songs and simple rhymes. Children will discover facts about planet Earth, and create a simple non-fiction text to share with their friends. We will develop our skills using technology using laptops and I-pads. Children will design and create new imaginary planets and aliens using an ICT paint program.</p>	<p>PE lessons will include a number of sessions encouraging the children to move with confidence and imagination. We will create our own 'Space Dance' and think about how we might move if we were to visit the moon. Children will move in different ways, imagining they have landed on the moon. 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 junk model rocket. In music we will learn some Space songs and rhymes and add percussion instruments thinking about how to make long and short sounds. We will use what we have learnt to compose a short space themed tune.</p> 

P.E Days

P.E days are Tuesdays and Friday's. Please ensure that children have their full kits available in school.

Homework/Spellings

Please 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; please be aware that a record is being kept of each child's reading percentages. Additionally, please practice their letters and sounds regularly as well as reading and writing blue, green, orange and red high frequency words when these have been given out.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell will take place on a Wednesday. Children can bring in something from home (nothing too big or valuable) to show the class.

Blue group: 8th Jan

Green group: 15th Jan

Red group: 22nd Jan

Yellow group: 29th Jan

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

Mrs Wells, Mrs Sawyer and the Foundation team