

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic holiday.

Space!

Prior to the holidays the children were showing an enduring interest in the moon and the planets when we brought it up in whole class discussions. 'Space' will become the theme for our learning this half term and we will be basing most of our learning around this exciting topic.

Our theme will also be enhanced with a range of fiction texts, such as 'Aliens Wear Underpants' and 'Whatever Next'. We will also be looking at the features of non-fiction texts and using the information books to find out facts about particular planets in our solar system.

Book Bags

We have limited space in our cloakroom so can your child bring in their **book bag only**, rather than a backpack that needs to be kept in the cloakroom. If each child has their book bag in their drawer it is much easier for staff to give out letters. This means you won't miss out on important information.

Welly Wednesday and Winter Warmers

Please can you ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing to keep them warm when we venture outside. We are still opening the outdoor learning area daily and always encourage children to wrap up warm with their hats, gloves and scarfs if they have them in school. **Please remember to label all uniform and clothes that come into school.**

Topic Resources

We really appreciate you sharing any information books/stories/objects etc. that link to our topic, however, please make sure they are named.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Roylance, Mrs Leah, Mrs Walton, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Moores.

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Communication, Language and Literacy

Speaking and listening will continue to be a focus and we will develop a wide vocabulary about space.

In our daily phonics sessions the children will continue to revise recognising and writing letter sounds, learn new letter sounds and apply blending and segmenting to read and write simple captions and sentences.

The children will compare the features of non-fiction and fiction texts. We will use information texts purposefully to find out facts about our favourite planets. A range of fantastic stories with a space theme will also be explored in our literacy sessions.

There will be a wide range of writing activities inspired by our theme. We will postcards about an adventure into space and write facts about different planets.

Mathematics

In activities and daily routines, we will practise number recognition to 20 and beyond, ordering and counting.

NASA will set the children different problem solving activities, such as, finding the weight of different moon rocks and directing rockets to different planets using positional and directional language.

We will be continuing to develop our skills in adding and taking away, using purposeful contexts. We will practise writing these calculations in a number sentence. We will develop our understanding of other calculation skills, such as sharing and doubling.

We will be consolidating our knowledge of shape through play as we create images of rockets and aliens using shapes and gain an understanding of how we can describe an object by talking about the shapes we can see.

Understanding of the World

There is a wide scope for learning in this area! The children will learn about our solar system. We will find out about the sun, the planets and what makes planet Earth unique.

During Welly Wednesday, we will be representing what we think aliens look like, and hopefully we will come across an Alien Egg to investigate!

We will be developing our skills when using technology as we will be accessing a range of programmes to create different images and explore space further. We will be using the iPad in class to take pictures of our own creations.

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will identify and talk about different feelings and how you can recognise these in other people.

We will listen to and value the ideas of others as the children discuss the special people/objects that they would take on a journey into space.

We are learning to talk about ourselves in positive terms by discussing how we would describe ourselves to an alien.

The children will be encouraged to develop their skills in collaboration through different paired and team activities.

Expressive Arts and Design

We currently have a role play space station which we use our imagination to create narratives in our space setting.

The children will experiment with using different materials to create model aliens, space crafts and explore colour mixing to create hot and cold planets.

We will recreated the planets using a range of different materials to create all the different effects that we desire.

Physical Development

The children will be engaging in space related 'funky fingers' activities which aim to develop their fine motor control and impact upon their pencil control.

During PE lessons we will be experimenting the way astronauts may move on the moon and creating gymnastic sequences including a variety of jumping styles. We will be investigating many different ways we can move our bodies.

We will have discussions about how we keep ourselves healthy and how we think we could stay healthy if we lived in a space station like astronauts.