

Reception Curriculum Letter – Spring 1, 2023

Happy 2023! We hope that you had a lovely break with your family, and are looking forward to working with you again this half term!

Moon Class - Naomi, Christina and Stephanie

Topic

Our class topic this half term is 'space'. We will use our English texts to explore space stories, and our topic lessons to learn about astronauts, the moon and the planets in the solar system.

English (reading and writing)

This term our English will focus on the theme of space. We will be reading space poetry, a fiction book about space, 'Look Up' and non-fiction texts about space. We will be exploring how to find facts, and imagining what it would be like to be an astronaut.

Our phonics will focus on Phase 3 sounds through Little Wandle. We will be learning digraphs (two letters that make one sound) to that represent vowels and other sounds.

Maths

Our maths learning will focus on comparing numbers up to 5, comparing mass and capacity, learning what makes up 6,7, and 8 and making pairs. We will be continuing to build our subitising knowledge, and using reasoning to explain concepts that we have learnt so far.

Physical Development

This term we will be having PE lessons with our school PE coach! We will NOT be using PE kits this half term, instead getting used to the lessons themselves first! In PE we will be working on coordination, rhythm, patterns and mirroring, as we create an astronaut, space themed dance!

Understanding the World

This term we will be celebrating global events like Chinese new year. We will also be exploring space, thinking about the sun, moon, planets and stars, exploring jobs related to 'space', including scientists, astronauts and engineers, and learn about space missions undertaken around the worlds.

Expressive Art and Design

We will be making planets, rockets and stars in art sessions. We will be using different techniques to create space themed artwork, including collage, paper mâché, painting and drawing. We will also be exploring movement and dance in expressive arts.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)

The theme this term is setting goals. We will be thinking about our dreams and ambitions, learning about how to stay motivated, working on resilience and keeping going even when things get hard and helping others to achieve their goals.

Rough daily timetable:

9:00-9:30: English
9:30-10:55: Independent learning time with teacher lead activities.
10:55-11:25: Phonics
LUNCH
12:25-13:00: Maths
13:00-15:00: Independent learning time with teacher lead activities and snack.
15:00-15:20: Topic/Science/Art/PSHE
15:25 - 15:30: Story and Ready for home.

Dates for the diary:

Monday morning reading! - Remember first thing every Monday you can come to read with your child in the classroom.
School trips! - This term we will be going on a trip to the theatre and a trip to a local library, information to follow!
Maths day! 3.2.23 - This term we will be having a maths morning, where you will be able to come into class and play some maths games with your child!