

Reception Curriculum Letter – Spring 1, 2024

Happy 2024! 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, Ms. Massah. Star Class - Mr. Tiplady, Miss. Emma, Miss. Mahira, Mrs.

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 sound. We will be learning digraphs 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 teacher! We will be using PE kits this half term, THURSDAY MOON CLASS. FRIDAY STAR CLASS. In PE we will be working on coordination, rhythm, patterns and mirroring, as we create an astronaut, space themed dance and tag-rugby!

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.

Art/DT

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 be creating moon carts and rocket launchers in DT. We will also be exploring movement and dance in expressive arts.

PSHE

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: Phonics
9:30-10:55: Independent learning time with teacher lead activities.
10:55-11:25: English
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:

School trips! - This term we will be going on a trip to the theatre and a trip to the fire station! More information to follow.