

Overview: As part of our topic this term, the children will be learning all about Space. We will be exploring different planets, what is the solar system is and what life is like as an astronaut in a space station. We will be learning how astronauts get to the moon and what do they do there? This will be taught, not just through Understanding of the World, but through Reading, literacy lessons.

Reading and Writing

Our books this half term are **Whatever Next** and **Aliens love Underpants**. The children will be learning how to retell a story and to understand how to sequence the stories through story maps. They will also be learning how to retell the story using full sentences and predicting what they think may happen next. They will begin to use adjectives in their writing and start to read what they have written independently. We will be linking the characters emotions using zones of regulation where the children will begin to understanding how to self-regulate.

Understanding World

Focus question for this half term is-

What is beyond Earth?

We will be exploring space and learning about the solar system. The impact the sun has on the solar system and the crucial role it plays for life on Earth. Why is it so important to us? What would happen if there was no sun? Children will discover what the different planets are made up of. Children will use their imagination to become Astronauts and list what they may need to being if they were travelling into space. Children will learn about the different elements of a rocket and watch a space rocket blast off into space. We will be exploring the moon and learn about Neil Armstrong the first man to walk on the moon.

Communication and Language

This half term we would like the children to be confident in sharing their thoughts and ideas using full sentences. Children will be encouraged to talk about their favourite stories and begin to answer what, where, who, how and when questions.

At home, please model how to talk in full sentences to support your child.



Maths

Children will be learning 1 more and 1 less, how to share equally, children will be measuring capacity and comparing height and length. Children will be matching 3D Shapes to real life objects and compare numbers within 10. They will begin to explore simple addition.

At home- talk to your child when cooking and adding ingredients "Mummy is adding one more egg"



PSHE



In PSHE, we will be following the JIGSAW scheme. Pupils learn how to celebrate differences. This term the children will explore: Dreams and Goals through:

- Setting goals
- Overcoming obstacles
- Seeking help
- Perseverance

Expressive Art and Design

The children will be using their creative skills to construct rockets using junk modelling by joining pieces, stacking vertically or horizontally. They will be mixing colours to create different shades of colours and create textured space pictures. To develop their fine motor children will be using computers to create pictures of space using a mouse and a keyboard. Through manipulating different materials, children will create planets, the sun and the moon. The children will also be baking Rock cakes!



Physical Education

This half-term, children will be using their bodies to dance by linking colours to feelings and exploring animal movements and levels. This will then progress onto circle dancing.



Languages - French

In French this term, the children will learn how to count up to 10 in French. Children will learn how to say key phrases like thank you 'merci' and please 's'il te plait' and learn all the colour in the rainbow in French.



Useful websites:

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0&l=0> Reading and literacy

<https://numbots.com/> Maths

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>