

Reception Parent/Carer Information

Spring Term 1

Space

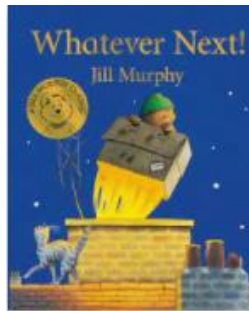


What we are learning this half term...

We will begin a new topic around Space. We will find out lots of facts about the moon, planets, Tim Peake, Helen Sharman and Neil Armstrong. We may even have an alien invasion!

The core story for this half term is **Whatever Next?**

Other things we will do...



We will be making rockets, designing moon buggies, lots of planet artwork and creating our very own alien.

We will write questions and facts about famous astronauts. We will make a wanted poster, write lists and postcards from space.



Core Story

Core stories are books we will focus on in depth each half term. We will send the story home for you to share with your child. Please return it the next day to ensure every child gets a chance to read it at home.

We will learn lots of new space songs.

We will begin to learn phase 3 phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs and build words with these letters.

Maths

We will explore numbers from 5 to 10 in great depth. This will include:

Subtraction and Addition Doubling and Number Patterns

1 more and 1 less than a number Mass and Capacity

We will look at lots of non-fiction books about space and other space stories such as 'Edward Built a Rocketship' and 'Q Pootle 5.'

Food Preparation & Snack

Snack is an important part of the Early Years curriculum and in our experience all children benefit from this activity. It can be preparing food, baking, looking at changes in food, talking about what they like/dislike or just simply helping children's confidence to try new food alongside their friends. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **£3.50 for this half term**. We will also use these contributions towards play dough ingredients or other consumables in class. Please could you send the money in a named envelope.



Any queries please see a member of the Reception team.

How you can continue to support your child at home...

- Read at least 3 times a week.
- Use and frequently read the 'Weekly Reading Booklet.'
- Share and read other books. Library books are changed at school every Friday.
- Look for shapes and numbers in the environment, for example; house numbers, in shops, signposts, bus numbers etc.
- Sing songs and rhymes (including counting songs).
- Encourage your child to write CVC words and short messages.
- Learn to sight read the High Frequency Words at the back of the reading record book.
- Encourage your child to dress themselves for cold weather (scarf, hat, gloves, wellies).



Cold Weather Clothing

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather. They will still be spending time learning outside so will need a hat, gloves and warm coat. If you haven't already brought a pair of wellies to leave at school, you can still do so.

Please can you ensure that you NAME EVERYTHING! It makes it really easy for us to get the right clothing to the right child.



A message from the Reception Team...

Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all the lovely Christmas gifts, cards and kind words.

We look forward to another exciting half term with your children.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of the Reception Team.

Mrs Horne

Mrs Nellist

Miss Jones

Mrs Kaur

Mrs Slattery

Miss Townriss

Miss Thornton