

Key Texts

We will be using a range of texts to shape our learning. We will also be sharing a wide range of stories during daily story times. These will include

- Q Pootle 5 by Nick Butterworth
- Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram
- Whatever Next by Jill Murphy
- The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield

Phonics

Phonics sessions will continue to take place 4 times a week. We will recap the letter sounds we have learnt and continue to learn new sounds. Lots of the children are blending sounds to read words confidently now so our aim is to get children automatically reading words and developing fluency. Please continue to send books back on a Wednesday so that a new book can be given on a Friday.

Expressive Arts and Design

In the project, construction, outside and creative areas we will be designing and making various models including rockets, moon rovers, space stations, orbit models and much more.

Music

We will continue to listen to and appraise a piece of music weekly, taken from the Summer 1 Reception Charanga scheme 'Big Bear Funk'. As part of our theme we will be learning some space songs and will also listen to 'The Planets' by the composer Gustav Holst.



Literacy

In our 'Talk for Writing' sessions we will be learning the stories 'Q Pootle 5', and 'Whatever Next'.

In our WOW writing sessions, children will be building up their stamina for writing and applying their knowledge of sentence structure and punctuation, including capital letters and full stops.

Understanding the world

Our theme is about Space and we will be thinking about what is beyond the sky we can see.

We will be learning about the sun and the moon and will start to talk about planets. We will also be finding out about astronauts and how to travel into space.

Key Questions

Where do we live?

What can we see in the sky during the day and at night time?

What is the moon?

How would we get to the moon?

What else is beyond our sky that we can't see from Earth?

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on doubling, odd and even numbers, sharing and grouping and composition of numbers to 10.

Physical Development

In PE sessions we will be focussing on gymnastics. We will be developing our flight skills and jumping technique, jumping off the floor and apparatus. We will also be developing our rotation skills, learning and performing pencil, dish, arch and tuck rolls on the floor and apparatus.

In our Real PE sessions we will be developing our jumping skills further when going on a moon adventure.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Development

We will be learning about zones of regulation.

Children will be learning about different emotions and how to manage them. We will be thinking about what it would be like to go into space and how we would feel.

In the book 'The Darkest Dark' astronaut Chris Hadfield talks about being afraid of the dark and how he overcame this fear to fulfil his dream of becoming an astronaut.

Fruit Rockets - we will be making these as part of our learning about healthy eating and shape.