

This half term's theme is: Out of this world (Space and celebrations)

Literacy Maths Children will be exploring different Children will explore and listen to a range of representations of numbers one to five and they fiction and non-fiction books including Whatever Next, Aliens love Underpants and My First Book of will create their own representations of these Planets. They will retell known stories and use numbers. They will learn to recognise quantities up to five without counting (subitise). pictures to sequence events in stories. Children will continue to learn how to form letters correctly. Children will identify, name and describe circles, They will be encouraged to write cvc words by triangles, squares and rectangles. identifying the sounds and then writing the sound They will learn to recognise shapes in the with letters. environment and shapes within shapes.

<u>Phonics</u> – Pupils will continue to follow the Read Write Inc scheme for phonics and will practise reading independently within all daily phonics lessons. They will be grouped according to their stage on the programme and will learn to read, write and spell words that contain the focus sounds. Pupils will also continue to build upon their knowledge of everyday 'red words' which cannot be decoded as they do not follow a specific phonic

<u>Personal, Social,</u> <u>Emotional Development</u>

Children will learn to express their own feelings and begin to consider the feelings of others. They will continue to develop friendships and will extend and elaborate play ideas together. Children will learn to adapt their behaviour to a range of situations. They will undertake group activities to enable them to continue to develop their ability to share and take turns with others.

Expressive Arts and Design Children will explore different techniques for joining materials. They will learn about Jackson Pollock and use his work as inspiration for making a firework picture. Children will begin to learn the songs that they will be performing during their Christmas Nativity.

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Physical Development Children will explore different movements using different parts of the body. They will learn to add emotion to their movements as they move in character. They will continue to develop their independence whilst getting changed for PE. Children will continue to develop their fine motor skills to ensure they are holding a pencil effectively whilst forming taught letters correctly.

Understanding the World

Children will learn all about space and they will be able to name and talk about the planets in the solar system. They will also learn about Neil Armstrong and his role in society. They will learn about the significance of Remembrance Sunday, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas.

Communication and Language

Children will practise the skills of learning to wait to share their ideas. They will learn to describe events in full sentences, connecting their ideas using connectives. They will listen to and talk about non-fiction space books to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary. Every week the children will learn a different popular nursery rhyme to support their language development. They will also learn and perform songs for our Nativity.

Assembly Themes

Children will focus on the value of **kindness** for this half term. They will also learn about the significance of Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day and the religious festivals of Advent and Diwali. We will be supporting National Anti-bullying week and Children in Need.