

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

Literacy

Children will explore and listen to a range of fiction and non-fiction books including Whatever Next, Aliens love Underpants and My First Book of Planets. They will retell known stories and use pictures to sequence events in stories. Children will continue to learn how to form letters correctly. They will be encouraged to write cvc words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound

with letters.

<u>Maths</u>

Children will continue to compare quantities, discussing which group shows more or fewer. They will be able to recognise quantities up to 5 without counting (subitise). Children will continue to develop their knowledge of numbers to 5, be able to say what one more than and one less than is and be able to recall number bonds to 5. They will use mathematical language to describe both 2D and 3D 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>

<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 mix primary colours to make secondary colours. They will continue to learn and perform songs for the Christmas nativity.

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Physical Development Children will learn how to move safely and in a variety of different ways such as hopping, skipping, running and jumping. They will develop confidence, competence, precision and accuracy when engaging in activities that involve a ball. They will continue to

develop their ability to safely and accurately use tools such as pencils, paint brushes and scissors.

Understanding the World

Children will learn all about space and 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.

<u>Assemblies:</u> Children will be introduced to our new school values and the focus for this half term will be kindness. 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.