

Curriculum Newsletter

Reception | Autumn Term 2 | 2023



Dear Parents and Carers. Thank you for your support so far this half term. It has been a busy half term and it has been wonderful to see the children settling in well. Thank you for accessing the children's learning journals on Tapestry and for all the exciting home learning activities that you have shared. Please send teachers a message through Tapestry if you have any questions about the home learning set.

This half term, our topic is **The Night Sky** and we will be focussing our learning around the key question: ***What can you see in the night sky?***

Our 'Stunning Start' to launch our topic will be:

Darkness Day

The children will be exploring the scientific concept of 'light' and 'dark'.

The will be taking part in different activities relating to the dark and using their 5 senses.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following experiences;

- Now Press Play interactive story-Space
- Space day – dressing up as aliens or astronauts
- Perform drama workshop relating to Space

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Christmas performance

The children will be learning Christmas songs and creating their own actions to perform at the end of the term.

Our 'Shared Outcome' to communicate our learning with others (in a socially distanced way) will be:

Christmas performance
Inviting families to the Christmas performance!



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

Literacy:

Key texts:

- Aliens Love Underpants
- The Best Diwali Ever
- Meet the Planets
- Non fiction books about Space

Key skills:

- Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.
- Using some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing.
- Write some or all of their name

Maths:

Key topics:

- Introducing the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 using practical resources, such as Numicon.
- One more and One less
- Circles and Triangles
- Shapes with 4 sides.

Useful websites:

Alien phonics game:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2/picnic-on-pluto>

Books about night time:

<https://www.playfullearning.net/resource/10-books-about-nighttime/>

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

Staff will encourage children to share, take turns and play happily together. Over the term, children will learn how to develop their independence in selecting activities and using equipment appropriately.

Understanding of the World

Children will find out about different Autumn festivals like Diwali and will develop awareness of the environment through colour and the changing seasons.

Physical Development

The children will discuss how our bodies change after exercise. In PE lessons children will learn to stop and start and respond to instructions. They will have the chance to practise fine motor skills and use writing and drawing tools and equipment carefully.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will be experimenting mixing primary colours and will explore using different materials. Children will be encouraged to develop different forms of expression including role play, singing and drama.

Reminders:

PE Days are on a Friday morning. The children should come into school in their PE kits. All earrings must be removed for health and safety.

