



Phonics & Reading

All children have now been given a reading book to take home so that they can read them with you. We are very grateful for all the support that you give with reading. It is the expectation that children read at least 5 times a week. They will also bring home a Library book for you to share with them at home to help them to develop a love of reading for pleasure. Also please make sure you watch the phonics videos that are sent home for you to watch with your child. Please try and come to our termly reading meeting where you will get tips on how to help with the reading Journey.

Maths

During this term the children will be learning to recognise, count, sort, compare, add, subtract and explore the pattern of numbers up to 10. They will be spending a lot of time learning number bonds to 10 and practising their recall.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do speak to the staff at the Reception door. We will always do our best to help.

Thank you

Class Teacher: Mrs Callow

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Berry & Miss Bradley

Topic

Our Topic for the first half-term term are 'Reach For the Stars and Winter'. We will be learning all about space and the first Man on the moon. We will also explore transport that takes us beyond our world and into space! We are hoping to have an amazing visit from the science Wonderdome Planetarium!

The second half-term topic will be 'Marvellous Beasts and Spring'. During this topic the children will learn all about dinosaurs and how they used to roam the earth. We will also talk about Spring and will start to plant flowers and crops in our wonderful outdoor area as well as look out for and observe signs of Spring in our Forest School.

We will also be learning how to keep ourselves safe in our PSHCE and computing lessons. We will learn about Lent and the celebration of Easter.

Literacy

focus stories this term will be: Aliens Love Underpants, Whatever Next, The Man on the Moon, How to Catch a Star, Look Up, Goodnight Spaceman and Draw me a Star, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, How to Grow a Dinosaur, Dear Dinosaur, How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?, The Dinosaur's Diary, Dinosaur Roar, Am I Yours?, The Easter Story. Our We will use these books to encourage recall and storytelling and as a focus to develop our writing skills.

Homework

Reading - Please read your child's reading book and practise the sounds they have been learning every day. They also need to practise the red 'tricky' word cards. These are words the children need to be able to read and write by sight. The children will also bring home a book to share with their family to encourage a love of reading, which will be changed once per week. The children are making amazing progress, well done and thank you for your support.

Maths - You can support your child by asking them to match objects to a number. Can they sort this number of objects into two different groups? How many ways can they sort them?

Communication - Engagement in quality conversations with adults is crucial for their development. You can help your child by commenting on what your children are interested in or doing and by echoing back with new words and by repeating them as often as possible to embed them in their everyday vocabulary. Read frequently, encourage conversation about stories they listen to and allow them to share their ideas. Spending a few minutes each day doing this will build their vocabulary and increase their opportunities for lifelong learning.