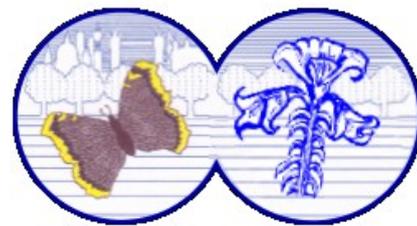
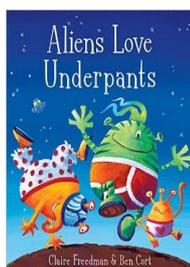
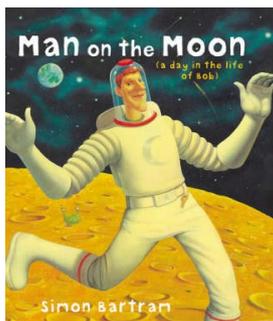


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CURRICULUM NEWS
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English



In the first half of the Spring Term, we will be learning all about **Space**. We will be reading lots of books based on this topic, such as 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy, 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram and 'Papa, Please get the Moon for me' by Eric Carle.

We will be using these stories to help inspire our writing. We will be learning to write lists, labels, and even writing a letter from space! We will be re-telling the stories through drama and the children will also be writing lots of sentences relating to these stories and reading information books to find out interesting facts about space. Our trip, on 29.01.19 to the planetarium in Greenwich will help to inspire our writing.

In the second half of the term our topic is **Superheroes!**

We will be reading books such as 'Michael Recycle' by Ellie Patterson 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and lots of other superhero books! We will be writing books, post-cards, letters and even making our own comic books using sentences with high-frequency words and phonetically spelt words. We will also be focusing on the importance of finger spaces and full stops.



We will continue to focus on the importance of correct letter formation. Children are expected to form their letters from the correct starting point and begin to write lower case letters so that they are all of a similar size. Please help them at home.

a b c d e
f g h i j k
l m n o p
q r s t u
v w x y z

Reading

At school, your child reads weekly with an adult. This reading will support their learning, however, the biggest impact for your child will be reading every day at home with YOU!

We would like YOU to spend ten minutes EVERY day reading with your child with a focus on encouraging your child to sound out and blend words using their phonics on their own. This is essential for their developing fluency and accuracy.

The children are also working hard to try to learn as many of the 40 high frequency words as they can. So please help them at home.

Phonics

Phonics lessons occur daily. During these sessions we revise all the sounds we have learnt from phase 2 and 3 so far, and then they learn a new sound every day. We are currently learning phase 3 sounds and high frequency words.



Maths

In the first half term we will be learning how to count aloud to 20, count objects to 20, add and subtract using one digit and two digit numbers:

By the end of the term, the children will record their answers in number sentences complete with addition, subtraction and equals signs. e.g. If I have 4 pencils and I find 2 more, how many will I have altogether?

$$4 + 2 = 6$$

If I have 8 apples and give two away, how many will I have left?

$$8 - 2 = 6$$

Please continue to practise writing numerals correctly with your child as this will be an important part of writing their number sentences correctly.

The children will also be learning about measuring objects through a variety of creative and exploratory activities. They will use everyday language when comparing the heaviest and lightest objects when using balances. Full, empty and half-full are also concepts we will be exploring. Lots of bath time fun ahead! Please reinforce this vocabulary with them at home.

After Half Term we will counting in 2's and 10's and doubling and halving numbers to 20. We will be solving lots of number problems and working on time, measurement, money, position and direction.



Religious Education



In Religious Education lessons, the topic will be 'Getting to know Jesus.'

The children will learn how Jesus has a great love for each one of us.

Through exciting and interactive activities, the children will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will learn that Jesus cured people who were ill and as a year group we will be thinking of ways in which we can show our love for people who are ill.

After half term the topic is 'Sorrow and Joy'. By the end of the topic we hope the children will understand that we should always be kind to each other and that it is very important to say sorry when we do hurt someone and to know that we need to ask Jesus to help us to be kind to others.

Towards the end of the Spring Term, we will be looking at the Easter story and learning to retell and understand this important event in the Christian Calendar.

Understanding of The world

In this area of learning the children will be, investigating items which float and sink and those which hover!

They will be exploring light and dark and learning about the job of an astronaut! They will also be learning about the different planets, and imagining what the planets would look like if we visited them.

In the second half of the term, we will be using the iPads and computers to create our very own comic books and help us to design our superhero costumes!

Art

In Art this term, the children will be creating their very own rocket to fly to space in! They will be decorating their rocket as part of our 'Space' topic.



In the second part of the term, the children will be designing and making their very own Superhero costume which we will be showing to parents at our 'Superhero fashion show' on Thursday 4th April at 2pm. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Stay and Read

Thank you to all those who came to the stay and read sessions last term. It was great to see so many of you there and it meant the world to the children!

Stay and read will continue this term, **EVERY Wednesday from 9.05-9.15am**

PSED

For our topic this term, the children will be learning how to recognize different feelings and learn about a range of emotions including jealousy, shyness, anger and happiness.

Music

In Music we will be learning five new songs and learning to sing with a partner. We will be learning new vocabulary such as high, low, fast and slow.

We will also be experimenting with different instruments and the various sounds we can make with them.



Physical Education

For our PE sessions we will be doing gymnastics, developing skills of jumping, travelling and using apparatus. Children will also be working on improving their social skills through working with a partner.

Stay and Play

Our stay and play session was a great success so thank you for attending and supporting your child.

The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning environments with you. Our next session will be on

Wednesday 13th February at 9.15am. We would love to see you there!



Technology

Children will be learning about all of the different types of technology that we find in school, at home, at the supermarket, petrol station, tube station, on buses etc



Please note:

The correct PE kit must be worn at all times.

This consists of a plain white T-shirt and navy blue shorts and black plimsolls. A track suit for outside PE during the colder weather would be a good idea!

