

Reading

We will be continuing to consolidate learning our set 1 and begin to learn some set 2 phonics sounds.

We will use our phonics knowledge to independently read simple sentences.

We will also explore story language in a range of texts linked to our topic of space.

We will read non-fiction books to help us understand more about our topic of space.

Understanding the world

This half term we will learn about our sun and how it warms our planet, how gravity keeps us from falling off the ground, about people who study the stars including Galileo and Caroline Herschel, about astronauts including Mae Jaimeson, about the International Space Station and the planets in our solar system. We will learn about stars and constellations, the Apollo 11 mission to the moon and the Mars 2020 mission that has put a rover on the red planet.

Physical Development

This half term we will be learning how to balance and make shapes with our bodies in Gymnastics.

Writing

We will develop use of finger spaces, full stops and capital letters in sentences.

We will be applying our phonics knowledge to write CVC, CVCC, CVVC words.

We will be writing labels and captions.

We will begin to spell common exception (red) words

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Religious Education

This half term we will be learning about the Christian value of Forgiveness.

This half term we will be learning about religious world views by learning about books and stories that are important to Christians and Muslims. We will learn about the Bible and the Qur'an, looking at why these books are important and how they are treated by Christians and Muslims. We will also be thinking about the books and stories that are important to us, and why they are important.

Visits or Visitors

We will be having a visit from a planetarium next half term.

Maths

This half term we will be introducing the concept and representation of zero. We will be learning to compare quantities to 5. We will be exploring the composition of 5 and investigating the different quantities that can total 5 we will use this knowledge to support us to subitise (recognise a quantity without counting). We will also be comparing Mass and capacity.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will focus on working together and taking turns through games and role play.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be using a variety of tools, techniques and materials to explore our space topic. We will recreate constellations in the night sky and the planets within our solar system.

We will look at artists work such as Vincent Van Gogh's The Starry Night to inspire us with our artwork linked to our space topic.

Communication and language

This half term we will be learning new vocabulary linked to our topic of space, children will have frequent opportunities to use and apply newly acquired vocabulary through stories (including non-fiction texts), songs, rhymes and role play.