

English/Communication and Language

We will engage with space themed adventure stories, poems and rhymes. We will explore non-fiction texts to further our understanding about space, and respond to instructions and questions. Children will be exposed to a wide range of vocabulary and will enjoy a large repertoire of space themed songs and nursery rhymes. They will practice making choices using objects of reference, language, Makaton, and visual aids. Some children will be continue using PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) to assist with their communication.

Core texts: Aliens Love Underpants, Bob the Man on the Moon, Whatever Next!

Phonics: Phase 1-Environmental Sounds
Phase 2-SATPIN
Phase 3

Mathematics

In Maths we will be working through the following units using hands on, practical tasks:

Length, Height and Time: We will be comparing objects of different sizes, using words like taller, shorter, longer, and beginning to understand simple time sequences in our daily routines

Building 9 and 10: finding different ways to make these numbers and represent them.

3D shapes: learning to name and describe shapes, exploring their properties through play, and spotting them in the world around us.

Outdoor Learning

We will explore our Space theme by creating moon craters, making star constellations, and imagining space adventures. Our outdoor learning will support all areas of the curriculum, developing Maths through counting, language through storytelling, physical skills through movement, and science through exploration.

PSED

We will be learning about healthy eating and about making healthy food choices, exploring different fruits and vegetables, talking about how food helps our bodies grow, and encouraging positive mealtime habits through play and stories.

PE & Physical Development

We will work on fundamental movement skills to develop our movement, balance, and coordination by practicing skills like running, jumping, hopping, throwing, and catching through fun games and activities that help build confidence and control.

Spring 2 - Learning Plan

Fireflies



Theme – Space

RE

We will be celebrating and recognising a range of religious and cultural events such as Shrove Tuesday, Holi, St Patrick's Day, Easter and Eid Al Fitr and finding out how these religious festivals are celebrated around the world.

Other Curriculum Areas

These subjects will centre around and embed learning within our 'Space' topic.

Computing/Technology

This half term, we will be continuing to use Purple Mash to support our learning including activities such as designing their own planet and alien. The children will use robots, Beebots and other programming resources to develop their early computing skills.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring Space by learning about the moon, stars, and planets through stories, songs, and creative activities. We will also investigate States of Matter by exploring slime, solids, and liquids, experimenting with how materials change, and discovering textures through hands-on sensory play.

Expressive Art & Design

This half term, the children will have the opportunities to explore a range of media to create their own artwork and interpretations. We will be using junk modelling to create our own rockets, a range of printing skills to create our own planets and even more.

Music

We will be using a range of instruments with a particular focus on understanding when to play and when to stop. We will listen to a range of music linked to specific religious events such as Easter as well as our space theme. We will continue to access daily songs (which use Makaton) to support with our understanding of our school routine.