



Nursery

Spring 1 Newsletter

To Infinity and Beyond!



In this booklet you will find information on some of the things your child will be covering in class. You will also find a few ideas of how you can help your child at home.

We value your support in working with us and hope that you will find this information useful.



COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

Your child will be:-

Talking about and recording the things they would need for a trip to the moon.

Describing an alien they have drawn or made.

Labelling and describing a rocket.

Developing their speaking and listening skills through themed role play.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Your child will be:-

Thinking about, talking about and finding out what space and the moon is like.

Talking about how they would feel if they could go to outer space or the moon.

Trying to think about other people's feelings through play.

Talking about the special people they love.

Learning about determination and some reasons why we should always keep trying.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT



Your child will be:-

Exploring what it would be like to walk on the moon.

Moving around like an astronaut or an alien.

Developing their hand control through messy play, cooking, using scissors and play dough activities.

LITERACY



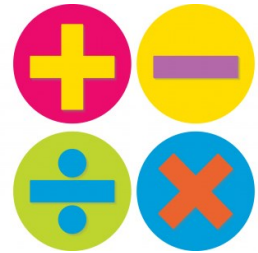
Your child will be:-

Developing their pre reading and writing skills through daily 'Letters & Sounds' activities and phonics lessons.

Developing their knowledge and understanding of rhyming words through stories and rhymes.

Using their phonic knowledge to begin to write initial sounds and more in words.

MATHEMATICS



Your child will be:-

Counting objects and matching them to the correct numeral.

Making rockets using 3D shapes - cones and cylinders.

Counting backwards and forwards 1-10 through role play - e.g. rocket launch countdown and songs and rhymes.

Recording information in a picture diagram (pictogram) of what snack they would take to space.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Your child will be:-

Making a moon watch study - Home link.

Using ICT to make space pictures and to guide a programmable toy from 'earth' to the 'moon'.

Watching video clips of a rocket launch and discussing what they see / hear.

Finding out about Major Tim Peake and the International Space Station.

Tasting space food.

Looking at photographs and pictures of the solar system.

Exploring different temperatures and textures through messy play.

Finding out about Chinese New Year.





EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

Your child will be:-

Using junk modelling materials to make things associated with space.

Making aliens from salt dough.

Listening to 'space' music and using their imagination to move like an astronaut.

Playing imaginatively in various role play e.g. outer space, space station, space rocket.

Using and describing colours associated with space, stars, the sun and moon.

Using papier-mâché to make 3D space objects e.g. rockets, aliens, astronauts, a moonscape.



EXTRA ACTIVITIES/ THINGS TO BRING IN

Please look at and discuss the phases of the moon with your child. You can bring in photographs or pictures of your observations.

We will be making junk model rockets - please bring in empty kitchen rolls / wrapping paper rolls and other recycled items for model making.



HOME LINKS

Visit the science museum, where there are lots of space related exhibitions, including a virtual reality space decent or the 'Exploring Space' gallery, go to www.sciencemuseum.org.uk for more information.

Visit NASA's website to find out more about space:

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html>

Look at and talk about the photographs from the International Space Station at:

<https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/imagegallery/iotd.html>

Share any Magic Moments with us by filling in a 'Magic moment' sheet or sending an email to:

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