



Reception Spring 1 newsletter

welcome

I would like to welcome you and the children back to school after the Christmas period. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year. This half term the children in Reception will be learning all about Space

English

As readers we will be moving on to phase 3 in phonics and we will also continue to develop our reading skill through our three reads a week including: decoding, prosody and comprehension.

As writers we will be looking at Fiction & Non-fiction texts about space.

We will be focusing on writing short words or phrases in different writing contexts, e.g. in free flow or in a structured lesson.

We will be looking at List writing and letter writing.

Topic

During this topic, we will be learning about Space.

As scientists we will investigate our planet Earth, land and sea, plants and animals, the weather, gravity. The moon, the sun, the planets in our solar system, space travel, astronauts.

We will also be learning about the Seasons of the year: Spring. The first signs of spring; snowdrops, cherry blossom, buds and flowers, birds nesting, bees, lighter evenings.

As geographers we will be learning about Astronauts and Astronomers; including Mae Jaimeson, Tim Peak, Caroline Hershel.

As Historians we will be learning about People from the past for example people who looked at the stars; Galileo. This will include looking at traditional stories to explain the stars e.g. The hunting of the Great Bear. We will also be looking at what scientists and astronomers know about our Solar System now; our sun, the planets in our solar system. We will be looking at historical events for example, The Moon landings; Neil Armstrong and the International Space Station; when and why it was built and launched

As artists we will be Exploring line by taking a line for a walk.

Creating drip paintings like Jackson Pollock.

Creating pictures like Hundertwasser using spirals and curved lines.

In Design technology we will be designing and making Puppets: Chinese New Year.

As musician we will be exploring the plus and rhythm of different songs and exploring different action songs.

Mathematics

Over the term we will be covering the following areas:

- Alive in 5
- Mass and Capacity

RE

In RE we are following the Derbyshire Syllabus and as the asking 'special places'

How to help at home?

- How to help at home: • Read every day for 5 to 10 minutes and ask questions about what they have read.
- Help read and write their weekly spellings
- Encourage correct letter and number formation when writing at home, ensuring they hold their pencil correctly.

PHSE

Our theme for PHSE this half term is Difference and Diversity.

Homework

We will send out literacy and numeracy homework on alternative weeks. This will go home on a Friday and will be due back the following Wednesday. Spelling test will be on a Friday.

Physical Education

Our PE theme this term is Dance. This is every Wednesday morning

Key Dates

National Storytelling week
internet safety day 6th February