

People and Communities

We will be discussing our local environment and how we could improve it. We will be going on a walk and hopefully visiting a local allotment.

Class 1, Reception
2017-18
Summer Term 1
Theme: Space

As last half term was short and very snowy we are continuing our topic on space .
We have been enjoying experiencing the space role play area and several of us have written pretend letters home from, space.
We will be going outside more and we have put outside several activities related to the space theme.
We are having a big push on learning to read and write phase two, three and four irregular words and counting, reading, writing and ordering numbers to twenty.

We will be learning to recognise all coins. We will be buying items and giving change from up to 20p. .
We will use number lines for addition and subtraction and solving mathematical problems.
We will be ordering numbers to at least 20 and learning to recognise numerals.
We all need to know one more and one less than any number up to 20.
We will have maths activities as part of the continuous provision.

Expressive Arts & Design

Many of the children have completed an outer space collage using a range of resources and this activity will continue this half term.
We will be looking at other artists work and discussing what we can see and how the art work makes us feel.
We will be listening to and discussing Holst's planet suite.

**Expressive Arts and Design:
Being Imaginative**

We now have a wooden stage outside and some pretend microphones and some real musical instruments. So the children are enjoying singing and making music. We should soon have some scarves and perhaps pom-poms to support dancing. I am also hoping to take the cd player outside.
The space area is now set up and we have some space suits. The children are pretending to be astronauts and we are encouraging them to use their maths and literacy skills to further support development in these curriculum areas..

Literacy

This half term we are going to be encouraging story language and encouraging children to have a beginning, a middle and an end in their stories. We are focusing on tricky words and have words on the wall and each child has a word mat so that these can be learnt and spelt correctly I will send a copy of these home soon.
There will also be a weekly spelling test with words going home on a Wednesday with the test the following Monday
We also all need to learn to read and use correctly in our writing phase three sounds. We will be encouraging writing in continuous provision both inside and out. Please if you have any samples of writing could I have a copy for your child's file.

Most of the children are progressing well with their reading and we do guided reading twice a week. Please, please can you read with your child at home.

Parents and Carers,

This newsletter explains what your child will be learning about this half term in each of the Early Years curriculum areas. As always, please feel free to come in and speak to us if you have any queries or comments regarding your child's learning. We also encourage written notes, however small, which celebrate your child's achievements at home. We now have a 'Dear Miss Sykes and Mrs Norton...' board to support this.

Thank you Miss Sykes and Mrs Norton.

Understanding the World: Technology

The children are continuing to use the print program me to design space pictures. We will look at a range of information on the internet on this subject. We are also using I pads to support mathematics. Later on in the term when we switch to the topic on weather we will be looking at simple weather forecasts on the internet.

The World

In order to develop our understanding of the world we will be taking part in lots of exciting science games and investigations this half term. These will develop our thinking skills, observation skills and also group work and co-operation. We hope to have lots of fun as we carry out tests and investigations!

Physical Development:

We will be doing PE outdoors with a PE instructor and Miss Sykes. Please can you make sure your child has pumps and that fit.
We will also be using the outdoor play equipment. As part of the provision.