

Literacy:

Reading and Writing

We will be exploring a range of texts in English about Space. This will include 'Whatever Next' and 'Aliens Love Underpants'. These stories will inspire our creativity and writing – we will write lists of things to take to space, and our own Space Passports. We will also become authors as we create our own version of the stories we have enjoyed.

Phonics

We are now in phase 3 and will continue to learn new sounds. This will include the consonant digraphs (sh, th, ch, ng) and vowel digraphs (ai, ee, igh, oa). We will also continue to learn 'tricky words', which do not follow the phonics rules.

Physical Development:

In our PE lessons we will be practising our gross motor skills, showing increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it. We will also focus on how we can move and control our bodies.

RE:

This half term our focus is: Who cares for this special world?

We will:

- Explore the Christian belief that God created our world and all that lives in it.
- Share our ideas on how we can care for our world, including animals, our homes and our school.

Music:

In music this term, we will be:

- Playing music games – space, alien and rocket related!
- Listening to Holst's: The Planets
- Creating our own space sounds/music with percussion instruments.

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Mission Impossible!

To make this topic even more relevant, and ensure the knowledge sticks, the children will:

- *Have their own space disco*
- *Experience an alien invasion!*

Expressive Art & Design:

We will be developing a range of skills this half term including:

- Creating simple representations of space objects using a variety of materials and skills.
- Choosing particular colours and techniques for a purpose, as we represent space and the solar system.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This half term our focus is: Dreams and Goals. We will spend time together thinking about and sharing how we stay resilient when something is challenging or difficult. We will discuss how we can work well with each other in school and help each other to achieve our goals.

Understanding the World:

We will be exploring the new vocabulary involved in the topic of space. This will include planet names, stars and different space transport! We will also explore, compare and contrast what life might be like on different planets, and explore the job of an astronaut.

Maths:

In maths this half term, we will be:

- Exploring the number zero
- Exploring numbers to 10 – counting, comparing and understanding their composition (number bonds.)
- Comparing mass & capacity.
- Ordering & sequencing time e.g. the events of the day.