

### Literacy:

#### Reading and Writing

We will be exploring a range of texts in English about Space. This will include 'Whatever Next,' 'Look Up!' and 'Aliens Love Underpants'. These stories will inspire our creativity and writing – we will write lists of things to take to space, create our own Space Passports and design our own aliens. 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 digraphs (two letters that make one sound such as sh, th, ch, ng, 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 continuing to develop our throwing and catching skills. We will increase our control over an object by pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it.

### Music:

In music topics this half term will be:

- Beyond the Stars – Learning about space through singing and listening.
- A Sky Full of Colour – Listening to, responding to and learning songs about our world.

Reception  
Spring 1

# Mission Impossible!

*To make this topic even more relevant, and ensure the knowledge sticks, the children will have their own space party! We will also be attending an author visit (Patrice Lawrence) at Herne Hill train station on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February.*

### Expressive Art & Design:

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

- Creating simple representations of space objects using sculpture and junk modelling.
- Developing our printing skills by creating patterns for our own space rockets.

### 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:

- increase confidence in subitising by continuing to explore patterns, including structured and random arrangements.
- continue to explore the composition of numbers and practice recalling 'missing' or 'hidden' parts for 5 and then 10.
- continue to compare sets using the language of comparison, and play games which involve comparing sets.

### 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.