



Spring 2020 1st Half Term – Nursery

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break over the festive period. We have been incredibly proud of all of the children in Team Woodland, particularly with the Christmas performances, Christmas lunch and their developing resilience.

Last term the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Autumn and Winter. We thought about how the climate changes and the impact it has on animals, the environment and ourselves. We read a range of stories to reflect this learning. It has been so wonderful to see the children progress in so many different areas.

This term, Team Woodland will be learning about Aliens and Space. This is an enjoyable topic for the children with so many opportunities to widen their imagination. We will be reading stories including: 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy, 'Aliens love Underpants' by Claire Freedman and many other stories based around this theme. Please continue to look at Tapestry and upload learning at home. 😊

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term, we will be providing children opportunities to develop their self-confidence to initiate activities with their peers and communicate in front of others. We will encourage children to talk about things they are good at as well.

Communication & Language

We will be reading various stories about aliens and space to the children which they will have opportunities to discuss and retell. Children will be following many instructions with multiple steps as well as developing their questioning skills. We will model asking appropriate questions of others during role play opportunities.

Physical Development

To develop the children's gross motor skills we will have a focus on moving in different ways as the children pretend to travel to different places. The children will have opportunities to build obstacle courses so that they can travel over and under objects.

Literacy

Acorn children will be continuing to learn new sounds during phonics. They will be encouraged to use their growing phonic skills to have a go at writing, especially during role-play activities and will have access to a range of materials in order to do so.

Maths

In Maths, we'll be continuing with key skills such as number recognition and ordering and will be introducing the concept of more or less. Where appropriate, we will link this learning to our topic work.

Understanding the World

The children will be learning about different planets, what they look like and their names. We will look at the globe and discuss the blue and green parts on planet earth. The children will be encouraged to make observations and discuss things that they see.

Expressive Arts

This term the children will be exploring making music and sounds. We hope that they will be able to make sounds that imitate different animal noises. We'll also use messy play to extend their creativity and will do observational paintings of planets.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child has **all** winter kit which includes wellington boots and **winter** coats – **all clearly labelled with their name please!**
- ★ If your child has a toileting accident in school and is clothed using our stock of clothes please promptly wash and return the items. If you think there is any chance your child will have an accident at school please ensure they have a change of clothing in their book bag or hanging on their peg. We also always appreciate donations of clothing.
- ★ Grown-ups in Golden Time: 31st January

Miss Romanay (Team Leader), Mrs Harvey and Miss Shabir 😊