



Spring 2024 2nd Spring Term – Reception

We hope you had a wonderful half term. It is lovely to see the sun shining a bit longer and the warmer months approaching.

The children enjoyed learning about lots of different types of transport last term. We looked at how some forms of transport like trains have many different types. We spoke about the most sensible forms of transport to use for different journeys and had lots of fun in the role play area pretending to be train drivers, pilots, ticket officers and passengers.

This term, we will be learning about 'Space.' We will enjoy many space related stories, starting with 'Whatever Next'. The children will be introduced to the concept of space and the planets as well as the moon and the stars. As part of the Space topic, we will also be learning about the sun and how this allows us to have day, exploring stars and the moon at night and thinking about gravity in space and what this means. To end the topic, we will be reading, 'Aliens love Underpants,'

Personal, Social & Emotional Development
As we will be reading the story, 'Aliens Love Underpants,' this story will highlight the importance of body parts and keeping certain parts private as they are personal to us.

Communication & Language
We will continue to think about and use words to describe and explain what happens in Space. For example, the children will be exploring how shadows are formed, the sun setting and rising, gravity and looking after our world.

Physical Development
This term, the children will be developing their ball skills by throwing, kicking and dropping a ball to investigate 'gravity.' We will also be jumping on two feet and swinging on a rope.

Literacy
The children are working so well on blending sounds to read words and sounding out words to write them. We will continue to work on this and encourage the children to read and write. The sounds we will be focusing on are: **ff, ss, s, -es, j, v, w, x, y, z, qu, ng, ing**

Maths
This term, we will continue to look at number focusing particularly on numbers above 5 and looking at how these numbers are made up of '5 and a bit.' We will continue singing lots of mathematical songs and rhymes.

Understanding the World
As we are learning about Space, we will be looking at our planet and how we can look after it. The children will learn about recycling materials, looking after the animals and saving water.

Expressive Arts
The children will be creating models of Earth and the other planets using various materials and tools. We will also be working on our fine motor by continuing to use the tripod grip, cutting more accurately and using a hole puncher.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ If you have any recycling materials (such as plastic bottles, egg boxes, shoe boxes, metal trays from the groceries etc.), please could you kindly donate these to us.
- ★ Please ensure your child's reading book is in their book bag every day particularly on Mondays as we change the children's reading books.
- ★ Don't forget to pay for the Planetarium visit before Wednesday 27th March.
- ★ World Book Day – 8th March (pyjama dress up)
- ★ Last day of term 28th March at 1.00p.m.

Miss Wright and Mrs van Laar ☺