



Spring 2023 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 'Transport' as we discovered forms of transport which are cleaner for the air and those that cause more pollution. We spoke about which vehicles are better as they provide more seats for passengers, but we discovered that cycling, walking or going on our scooters was not only good exercise, but cleaner for the air.

This term, we will be learning about 'Space.' We will begin looking at our world and planet Earth talking about the 'green' and 'blue' parts. We will explore ways in which we can look after our planet by recycling, saving water and looking after ourselves and the animals. 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 7-9. The children will learn to recognise, count and find number bonds to 9. We will also continue to write numbers 0-9.

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.
- ★ Parent Teacher Consultations will be taking place on: **Tuesday 28th February** (online appointments) and **Thursday 2nd March** (face to face appointments)
- ★ Last day of term 31st March at 1.00p.m.

Mrs Romanay-Bhatt (Team Leader) and Miss Hunter ☺