



Spring 2026 2nd Spring Term – Reception

We hope you had a wonderful half term and all the children are well rested, healthy and ready for learning! The children enjoyed learning about lots of different types of transport last term. We looked at various forms of land, air and water transport. We also learnt about forms of transport from the past and compared them to present day. In our role-play area, the children enjoyed pretending to be pilots, bus and train drivers, passengers and ticket sellers! They loved making a passport and using the world map to decide on a holiday destination!

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

We will continue to develop our friendships, learn to play co-operatively with peers and develop games and ideas together. We will also speak about the importance of keeping certain body parts private when reading 'Aliens love Underpants'.

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 on blending sounds to read words and sounding out words (segmenting) 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 numbers 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 skills 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, toilet rolls etc.), please could you kindly donate these to us for our junk modelling.
- ★ 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. I urge all parents to be reading with their children 4 times a week, this really does help them to become successful readers.
- ★ World Book Day – Friday 6th March
- ★ A gentle reminder for parents who have not yet paid towards our creative resources fund. This can be done on Arbor - £5 per term or once off payment of £15 for the year.

Mrs van Laar 😊