



Reception Summer 2 - Reach For the Stars

Topic Overview

In Summer 2, we will extend children's learning and will consider the world beyond the place and planet where we live. We will learn about space, space travel and planets alongside lots of fact finding. Part of this term will also be spent talking about and preparing for Year 1 and supporting the children with the transition into Year 1.

Trip/ Visit

We will visit Greenhithe Library to return previously borrowed books and to seek more which are linked to our new topic. We will be seeking your support with this as volunteers to accompany us. We will continue with the parent reading mornings, on a Monday morning 8:30- 8:50, we look forward to seeing you all!

Big Bang Day: Tuesday 3rd June - We will welcome your child into Space! We will be holding a space day where all will need to complete challenges and collect space stamps so that they are prepared for a space adventure. We invite your child to wear space themed clothes; this could include NASA t-shirts, astronaut dress up, Buzz Lightyear costumes or feel free to get creative and make a jet pack using bottles!

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Literacy

Through the stories that we use as key texts, children will have opportunities to get to know the stories and then to adapt them so they can create their own story. They will need to recall the meaning of the words character, setting, problem, solution as key components within all stories. The children will be writing their own captions, speech bubbles and sentences based around their new stories.

Mathematics

Children will be able to revisit comparing length, weight, height and capacity and recall the vocabulary we use when measuring and comparing. We will revisit patterns, creating and extending repeating patterns and symmetrical patterns. We will also consolidate the children's knowledge of number bonds and composition of numbers to 10. We will also be sharing and grouping amounts.

Understanding the World

Children will be learning about how people have travelled to space. We will watch the first moon landing and find out who is able to visit space. Learning about astronauts will provide us with an opportunity to talk about other roles and jobs that people do. Through pictures and videos, we will compare the moon with Earth.

Expressive Art and Design

We will use everyday materials to build our own spaceships and will look at images of some real spaceships so that we know what to include. There will be role play opportunities through a role play spaceship where children will be welcome to create stories around space travel. They will also be able to describe the place they see when they are visiting space in their stories.

Physical Development

Children will get creative using the 'Reach for the Stars' topic as inspiration. We will make their own rocket ships on a small and large scale. Using the 'Supertato' story as a stimulus, children will make their own vegetable superhero vegetables. We will continue to develop fine motor control through using one handed equipment when making these items, like tweezers, scissors, cotton buds, tongs and so on.

Core Books

