



Nursery Curriculum Information

Summer Term 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term, our topic is 'Space'.

Below we have outlined what we will be covering in each area of the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During our summer term, we will be working on building up the children's confidence and encouraging them to speak to others about their own needs, wants, interests and opinions through small group circle time, games and activities.• Children will be given lots of opportunities to explain their own knowledge and understanding, and to ask appropriate questions of others.
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will be changing our role play area into a 'Space Centre'. Children will be encouraged to use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations whilst introducing storylines and narratives into their play.• We will be working on building up our vocabulary by learning lots of new words, facts and phrases connected with 'space'.
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will be continuing to work on developing our pencil grip this term, encouraging children to hold their pencil between their thumb and two fingers and to no longer use a 'whole-hand' grasp.• Children will also be looking at how to handle other tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with increasing control.
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will be working hard this term to develop our listening skills and children will be encouraged to hear and say the initial sounds in words (try this at home by showing your child an object or toy and asking them to tell you what sound it begins with, "Look at this toy snake. What sound does sssnake begin with?" Emphasise the beginning sound of the word to begin with until the children get the hang of what you are asking them to do.)• Children will also be practising to write their names independently and we will be sending home a simple writing template for use and practise with at home.
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In Numeracy, we aim to consolidate the children's understanding of numbers to 10 and beyond. They will gain an awareness of placement on a number line by identifying missing numbers.• We will continue to practise counting through games, songs and daily repetition, counting claps, steps, jumps, regular and irregular groups of objects.
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children will be encouraged to think about the sort of things that they would like to find out about 'space'. We will then work together to use our classroom computer to retrieve this information, using the internet to answer questions and watch relevant video clips were applicable - help your child to think of things that they might like to find out about such as facts about planets and names of any famous astronauts.
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children will be participating in lots of building activities this term both on a small and large scale. In our outdoor area children will be encouraged to construct rockets and space vehicles out of boxes and other 'recycled' materials. They will need to select appropriate resources to do this and they will need to think carefully about the tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join the materials that they are using.