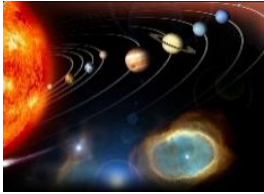




Reception Newsletter Spring Term 2025

We hope that you had a lovely Christmas break. The children have all settled back into the routine of school again so well and we are excited for another fun-filled term of learning.

Topic



This term our topic is split into two parts. During the first half term, our topic is 'Reach for the Stars'. We will be learning about Space by exploring fiction and non-fiction books. Our learning will be achieved through adult focused activities, independent learning opportunities and self-initiated play.

After half term, our topic is 'Once Upon a Time'. We will be focusing on a variety of different fairy tale stories and exploring the characters and settings within them. We will be beginning to extend our writing and create our own stories. Our learning will be achieved through adult focused activities, independent learning opportunities and self-initiated play.



This term our PE is on **Tuesdays**. Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately in PE kit on this day. This includes wearing their house colour t-shirt, navy or black shorts/tracksuit, dependent on the weather and plimsolls or trainers. On Tuesdays, please ensure that **all earrings are removed**. **Long hair should be tied back securely every day**. Please ensure all uniform, PE kit, book bags, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly name labelled.

The children have now all learnt the Set 1 sounds from our Read Write Inc phonics scheme as well as some red words. We are focusing on blending these sounds together orally and in written form to make words, and practising writing these words using the correct letter formation. Please continue to support your children at home with practicing their phonics sounds cards and reading simple words.

In Maths, we will be continuing to follow the Numicon approach which the children have loved using. This half-term we will explore further the composition of numbers to 10 and begin to use mathematical language as we look at some number problems. Please continue to encourage your child to practise their counting and number recognition through the use of Numbots.

How can you help?

- **Regular reading** at home where you can share stories, ask and answer questions about what you have read. Some children have started to receive book bag books that will be changed when the children can confidently read at school.
- **Regular** practicing of phonics sound cards
- Encourage children to **independently dress** and undress themselves including buttons on school cardigans and coat zips
- Please ensure that children have their **hair tied back every day** and on PE days their **earrings are taken out**.
- We have noticed a few pieces of jewellery being worn at school such as necklaces and bracelets, please can these be kept at home in case they are lost or broken. We have also noticed that some children are wearing makeup at school, please can this be kept as a home activity.
- Please ensure all items of clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles are **clearly labelled**
- The children need to be at school promptly in the morning as our lessons begin at **8:45am**

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us.

Many thanks,
Miss Reed, Mrs Pett, Miss Palmer and Miss Bax