

Next Week in Reception

Week Beginning 22nd January 2024

Reminders:

Astronaut Training Day - Tuesday 30th January

Your child can dress up in a Space themed outfit.

Please ensure that your child has a pair of gloves or mittens on this day as they will be used during one of the fun activities!

What we will be doing in school

How you can help at home

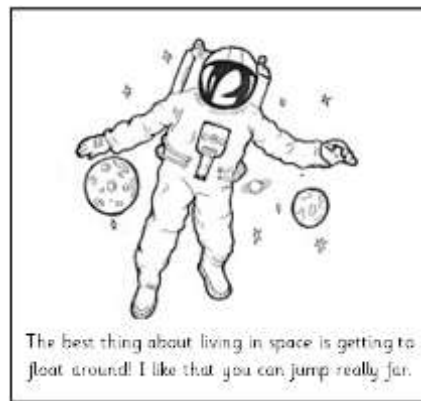
Topic – On the Move
Space!

This week the focus is space! We will be learning about rockets and space travel before we complete our astronaut training day! The children will have a chance to experience activities that simulate the training astronauts undertake before heading out on a mission! They will learn about what life is like in space as well as some real life astronauts. We will read the book *The Way Back Home* and think about what we would do if we were to go into space!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Y04Zic1-r4>

Watch this video of what life is like on the International Space Station. Discuss with your children what they would / wouldn't like about living in space! Can they draw a picture of their favourite part of astronaut life and write a sentence describing it!



Maths

In maths this week we will be comparing length, weight and capacity. The children will have a go being a human scale! They will be using scales and balances to determine heaviest and lightest objects and ordering the weights of those inbetween! They will compare items using heavier and lighter, discussing how they know.

Show your child the different types of scales that you have in your home.

You could bake something together, weighing out ingredients.

Encourage your child to explore the weight of familiar household objects. What is the heaviest object in your home? Which object is the lightest?

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Phonics

Focus of the week: Longer words

**Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds
Reception Phonics Home Learning**

Phase 3 - Spring 1 Week 5
Focus - longer words



Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -

ai	ee	igh	oa
oo	oo	ar	or
ur	ow	oi	ear
air	er		

When reading books, can you spot any two syllable words? Practise 'chunking' them up, e.g. sunset = sun / set. Read half the word at a time then put them back together to read the full word.

Keep reviewing the taught sounds, ensuring children can read them and spot them within words! Become digraph detectives, hunting for digraphs in the words before trying to read them!

Graphemes learnt so far: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, l, ll, ff, j, ss, v, w, x, y, z, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk, ai, ee, igh, oa, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er

Tricky words taught so far: is, l, the, pull, full, put, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, he, push, of, we, me, be are, sure, pure

We will be reading and writing words. Can you spot segment and blend these words and spot this week's phonemes?

laptop popcorn market raincoat
sunset starfish ticket melon

Words such as **laptop** and **sunset** are 'compound words'. Help your child to see the two root words that make up each compound word e.g. **lap** - **top**. Talk about how these root words help to create the meaning of the new word.

We will be reading sentences. Can you spot any tricky words? Can you segment and blend the words and look out for this week's phonemes?

We had a picnic at sunset. He has a chicken in his pocket.
The goat was in the farmyard. I can see a starfish.

We will be practising tricky words. Can you spot the tricky part of the word?

are sure pure into
she he we me
be of

Additional Activities:

Here are a few of the independent activities your child could engage in.

We are going to have an astronaut-training day on Tuesday ! The children will complete a range of activities.

Children can zoom into space using our space station role-play areas.

We will be making rockets, jet packs and aliens using junk modelling materials.

We will create Space themed artwork.

