

Communication and language



We will be developing our language following the word aware programme. Each week we will learn new vocabulary through stories and actions. Chatterbox will continue. One of our Role Play areas will transform into a rocket/ space station! Book chat will continue.

Physical Development



In PE the children will be developing their ball skills. Dough disco will continue and funky finger activities will be accessed daily in the provision. Most days the children will have access to the bikes and scooters in our outside areas.

Personal, social and emotional development



Our Jigsaw puzzle piece this half term is focussing on 'dreams and goals.' If you would like more information on Jigsaw please ask. Jigsaw is delivered on a Thursday afternoon.

English



The children will now be settled into their phonics groups. Some children will recap SSSI while others will begin learning SSS2 and reading Ditty photocopies/Ditty books. We will be focusing on handwriting, writing CVC words and 2-word phrases. We also will have started teaching the common exception words called 'Gruffalo words'. These will be sent home for you to practice.

Ways you can help your child with literacy:

- Read with your child at least 3 times a week.
- Practise saying the sounds and writing the correct letter formation.
- Use the word time sheet to practise blending sounds to read words.
- Practice your Gruffalo words 3 times a week.



Year R Out of this world! January-February 2024



This half term is all about space. We will be exploring our planet, where we live and space. We will be looking at rocket ship take offs, exploring the concept of gravity and looking at our Earth. We will also be looking at dinosaurs and reading alien stories. Our focus stories are: 'How to catch a star', 'Aliens love underpants', 'Bob the man on the moon', 'Here we are' and 'The way back home'.

Mathematics



This half term we will start with a focus number bonds to 5 and 10. This is different ways you can make 5 and 10. After we will move onto exploring adding 2 groups together ready for addition.

Ways you can help your child with numeracy:

- Can you find any numbers out and about?
- Try the Topmarks and LCF maths websites at home.

Expressive arts and design



This half term we will be exploring drawing, painting and sculpture. The children will be looking at creating their own aliens using sculpture techniques during Busy Bee time.

Parent and carers' information:

- PE day is every **Wednesday**
- Last day of this half term is Thursday 8th Feb
- Please make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves for particularly cold days
- Please ensure your child has a **bookbag**

Understanding of the world



We will be focusing on our planet. We will be conducting our own geographical fieldwork around the school. We will also be experimenting with ice on particularly cold days. Chinese New Year is celebrated this half term and the children will be participating in a range of activities.

Thank you for your continued support...

Sparrows Class: Miss Brimecome, Mrs Vickery-Sales and Mrs Wilkinson.
Starlings Class: Miss Smees, Mrs Russell and Mrs Pounds.
Year R ELSA: Mrs Sayer

