

Reception Newsletter

22nd November 2019

Things we have been doing:

- ✚ Reading Man on the Moon and writing adjectives to describe the aliens in the story
- ✚ Writing our own fact books about space
- ✚ Investigating space facts
- ✚ Creating alien paintings by blowing paint with straws
- ✚ Exploring how many aliens can fit on a spaceship and writing the number
- ✚ Finding different ways to make 6
- ✚ Creating UFOs using paper plates and cups
- ✚ Blasting off by counting back from 10
- ✚ Exploring light and dark in our investigation station
- ✚ Forming letters using moon sand
- ✚ Exploring our space station small world table
- ✚ Recreating the story of The Man on the Moon on our stage
- ✚ Learning to form and write numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9
- ✚ Learning and practising the phonemes ch, qu, x, ng and nk

Phonics Assessment

Next week we will be assessing the children's' phonics knowledge and skills to date.

As such we will not be reading individually with each children as the assessment replaces this. We will send home a list of the sounds your child needs to practise when the assessment is completed.

Please ensure that the reading folders are in each day so that books can be changed as normal.

This week we read:



They children loved reading about Bob and his job on the moon, cleaning up and entertaining the tourists. Strangely, Bob never saw one alien, but we did!

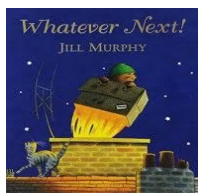
School Bags & PE Kits

If your child has a rucksack style bag with a clip fastening, please help them to practise opening and closing the clip. This will help to promote their independence.

Can you please ensure your child has track suit bottoms in school for PE and any lunch time sports events.

Thank you.

Week commencing 25th November we will be reading:



We will be reading Whatever Next! by Jill Murphy. Please continue to find interesting facts about space and share fact and fiction books about this interesting subjects.

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Next week we will be:

- ✚ Reading Whatever Next and writing about the objects and food we would take on a trip to the moon.
- ✚ Showing the teachers the phonemes we know and words we can blend
- ✚ Find one less than 5
- ✚ Independently using 5 and 10 frames to find one less
- ✚ Writing ten things we would take into space and describing astronaut or alien
- ✚ Continuing to enjoy our indoor and outdoor space stations
- ✚ Finding out facts about space
- ✚ Training in our space camp obstacle course
- ✚ Counting pom pom aliens
- ✚ Measuring the distance moon rocks can roll
- ✚ Building space rockets
- ✚ Creating playdough aliens
- ✚ Continuing to enjoy our moon small world
- ✚ Practising forming our letters in moon sand
- ✚ Finding CVC words buried in space goo

This week please:

Read with your child for five minutes a night. Talk about the pictures and the story they have read so far. Please write a comment in the reading journal.

Practise making 6 in different ways. Count 1-10 and/or 1-10.

Please help your child to practise blending CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words, e.g. peg, sam, dad, lip.

Library Books

You will have noticed this week that your child has a school library book in their bag.

We are very excited! Each week we will visit the library on a Wednesday to return our current books and choose a new one.

Children can only take out one book at a time. If you want to keep an existing book longer you will not be able to get a new book until the first one is returned.

We would like to thank our parent volunteers for being our brilliant librarians!

Toilet rolls and yogurt pots

This week we would be grateful if you could bring any cardboard rolls and empty yogurt pots in to help us with our rocket building this week.