

WC 15th April 2024

Our Topic is.....
Out of This World!

Next week, we will be learning about.....

Topic: This Summer term the children will be immersed in the exciting world of space travel! We will be launching our 'Out of this World' topic on Monday 15th April 2024 with the *Operation Moonbase* curriculum day. The children will work together to design a new society on the Moon, including selecting who will be the first citizens, creating an animal that will help people and building a 3D model of the new city.

Phonics: During our first week back, the children will read phase 4 CVCC words with short vowel sounds. i.e. lamp, jump, band. We will also learn to read the tricky words; said, so, have, like.

Maths: After the Easter break, the children will continue to engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting – to find out 'how many' objects there are. The children will also revisit the concept of cardinality – the idea that the last number in the count tells us how many things there are altogether. They will be given further opportunities to hear, join in with and develop their knowledge of the counting sequence, and, once they have become secure with their counting skills, they will be able to continue the counting sequence and be able to identify missing numbers within it. While consolidating their understanding of the word pattern embedded within most of our number names, the children will also be given opportunities to hear and practise key differences in the number names e.g. between 'teen' and 'ty' numbers.

How you could help your child at home:

- Enjoy listening to your child reading their phonics book with you at home and read for pleasure with them as much as possible.
- Carry out a space themed activity at home - i.e. use songs to learn the names of the planets in our solar system/ design your own space craft using a variety of materials/ read non-fiction texts about space.
- Sing number rhymes that involve counting as part of your daily routine, e.g. '1, 2, Buckle My Shoe'.

Reminders:

- **Reading Books:** The children will be given a new reading book after the Easter break. We encourage families to spend time reading the book at home and write a comment in the reading record.
- **Dress Up:** To immerse themselves into the Operation Moonbase Challenge, the children in EYFS and KS1 are invited to come to school on Monday 15th April dressed as a 'space explorer'. Feel free to use clothes from home to create an outfit that is Out of this World! Let's embark on an intergalactic adventure together!
- **Junk Modelling:** To support us with this project, we are also asking for donation of clean junk modelling materials. Items such as clean cardboard boxes, plastic containers, bottle caps and other recycling materials would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them in on the 15th April.
- **Stay and Write:** On Monday 22nd April 8:40am - 9:10am we will be hosting a Stay and Write session in the Early Years Classrooms. Come along and join in with activities that will help support your child's writing skills at home.

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