

WC 22nd April 2024

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

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

Topic: We will continue to read the story *The Man on the Moon* by Simon Bartram and explore Bob's job on the moon. In PSHE we will be thinking about our 5 trusted adults and discuss ways that we can be a kind friend. We will talk about the ways we can look after our bodies, including hand washing and good oral hygiene.

Phonics: In phonics we will be continuing to learn to read and write CVCC (Consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant) words and will learn to read CCVC (consonant, consonant, vowel, consonant) words, such as frog, swim, drum, plug, drink and dress. We will also be learning new tricky words: some, come, love, do.

Maths: This week, the children will continue to develop their subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting) in increasingly complex arrangements. Some arrangements are easier to subitise than others – e.g. a set of 6 dots arranged in a structured die pattern that exposes the double-3 pattern is easier to recognise than a random arrangement of 6 dots. A key focus this week is to use the children's developing understanding of doubles to support their subitising skills. By moving away from counting for sets that can be subitised, the children will develop their abstract understanding of number, which will help to support future calculation strategies. This week's sessions will also continue to encourage the children to consider when they can subitise and when they might need to use counting as a strategy.

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.
- Practise the Phase 4 tricky words with your child at home (see sheet attached - Tricky words for parents Phase 4)
- Supply paint and printing materials for the children to use to make their own patterns of 6. Are there any patterns where it's easier to see 6?

Reminders:

- **Reading Books:** The children have been given a new reading book. We encourage families to spend time reading the book at home and write a comment in the reading record.
- **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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