Reception

Autumn 2 2026

Me, My World and space.

- This half term, our topic has a history focus as we learn about the Moon Landing and the first astronauts in space.
- We will blast off on an exciting journey to the Moon with Buzz and discover fascinating facts about space. The children will learn about the Moon, including what it is made of and why it is so special.
- This exciting topic will encourage curiosity, discussion, and a love of learning as we explore one of the greatest achievements in human history.



Important Dates.

Friday 13th November- Children in Need and Robin Hood Christmas Panto.

Monday 16th November – A planetarium will be visiting school for an immersive day exploring the moon and space.

Nativity Performance – Tuesday 8th December and Thursday 10th December 9:30 am start. More details to follow.

Maths

We will learn to;

- Name and recognise shapes with 4 sides and talk about them.
- Correctly write numerals, 0-10
- Recognise, represent and subitise 6-10, including composition.
- We will be finding one more and one less of numbers within 10.
- Explore, copy, complete and create patterns.

How to help your child at home.

- Counting objects
- Identifying numbers on walks
- Writing numerals 0-10 correctly

PE day is on a **Wednesday**
Our focus is movement, spatial awareness and games. **Children should arrive to school in PE kit each Wednesday.**
PE Kit is plain black jogging bottoms/leggings/ shorts, white/red t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls.

Science and understanding the world.

We will learn to;

- Describe materials the moon is made of
- Explore what happens to our natural world in Winter.
- Predict and find out what happens in an experiment (Cola and mentos, linked to fireworks).
- Discuss the differences between day and night.
- Create a parachute to investigate gravity/forces around us.

Literacy

This term our **writing** focus text is **Hannah the Spanner and the trip to the moon.** In our sequence of learning, we will be writing.

- Short captions
- Labels for images
- A character description
- A setting description
- Lists



We will be having a big focus on letter formation. The children will have daily opportunities for writing and to further develop their fine motor skills.

Phonics. This year your child will be following the Little Wandle Phonics programme. Alongside this, your child will have opportunities to develop other skills needed for reading such as blending and segmenting. As their confidence and skills grow, they will be sent home with reading activities and/or books.

Reading at home

As your child progresses through the phonics programme, they will be sent home with decodable phonics books for them to read to you. Hearing your child read at home is extremely important. Please listen to your child **read at least three times** a week. Daily reading makes a huge difference to progress!

