
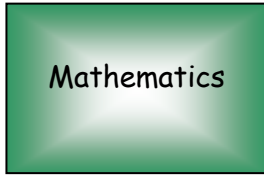








## St Thomas More R.C. Primary - Reception Class

### What I am Learning - Spring 1: Space

#### Text - Marshmallows for Martians

Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
	This half term we will be continuing to develop our listening skills through circle time activities and partner work. We will be encouraging the children to listen to and remember what their partner says and then be able to talk about what their partner has said. We will be talking about our topic Space, and we will be focussing on the text 'Marshmallows for Martians.' Our 'small world' area will reflect our topic and become 'Space.'		In our Maths work, we will be focussing on recognising and ordering numbers, counting to 10 and beyond, number formation and counting out a number of objects accurately. We will also be counting in 5's and 10's. We will be continuing our work on practical addition and subtraction and we will begin to look at 'number bonds' to 10.
	We will be continuing to focus upon develop the children's fine and gross motor skills through different activities. In our phonics groups, we will continue to practice letter formation on a daily basis. Linking with our new text, we will explore different foods and how to keep our teeth and bodies healthy. We will be using different malleable materials to support our topic work, e.g. Moon Sand. In PE our focus will be 'Gymnastics.'		We will be discussing and exploring Space and our small world area will be set up to reflect this. We will be encouraging the children to develop their understanding of the topic in our 'Space' areas of our Continuous Provision. We will be using the internet to research our topic 'Space' and finding out lots on information via technology and through accessing a variety of information texts.
	We will continue to reinforce our positive class rules and boundaries. We will be continuing and developing our KAGAN co-operative learning strategies in all aspects of our group work. This will encourage the children to develop relationships and work co-operatively. In our Religion work, we will be exploring the Presentation Story, how the Parish Family celebrates, gather for Mass and gather to listen to God's Word.		We will be experimenting with different materials and creative techniques this half term. We will be creating aliens, and composing music and signs for an Alien Parade. In Music, we will listen to Holst's Planet Suite and create pieces of artwork in response to the music. We will also look at musical composition, and create pieces of music for our Alien Parade.
	We will be sharing stories/ books in particular focussing on the story 'Marshmallows for Martians' which we will be basing our Literacy work on, This will include; designing and labelling a rocket and writing about what we would take to Space! Our Phonics groups will continue, focussing on blending, reading and writing. We will also have different writing opportunities linked to our 'Space' topic.		We will be working outdoors each day in our provision which includes; role play, sand and water, small world, construction, writing and number activities. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing every day and that you have sent a pair of labelled wellington boots into school.

\*When working on our text, we always try to select a story that the children may not have seen before we do not read the whole story initially. We work on the text over the course of the half term, and unpick each section, our focussed activities and challenges are based upon the part of the story we are working on to keep an element of surprise and suspense. If you do wish to read the story at home with your child, please could you do so once we have completed our topic and text work, thank you.