

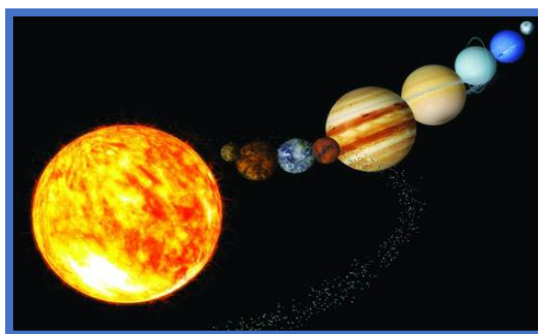
RECEPTION WELCOME LETTER

Monday 14th April, 2025

Summer Term 1

I hope you have had a lovely Easter break and are feeling rested, ready for another exciting half-term ahead! This half-term, our new topic is:

Reach for the Stars!



(See topic web for more information)

During this topic, some of our story focuses are:

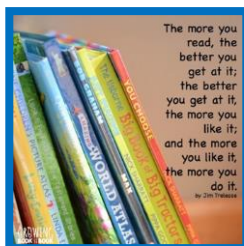
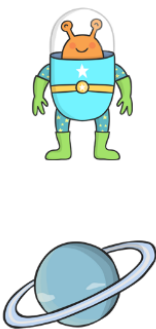
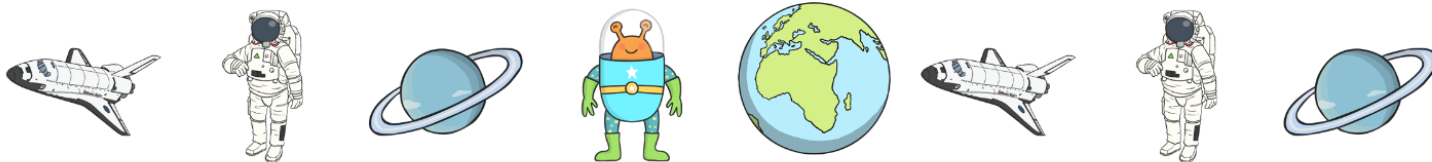
- *Whatever Next!*
- *Blast Off!*
- *I Took the Moon for a Walk*
- *The Skies Above My Eyes*

We will begin by focussing on Planet Earth and learning that our world is made up of different countries, different climates, and different ways of living. We will build on this by learning about the planets in our solar system, find out what an astronaut's job is, and look at how they might travel to outer space.

If you want to take part in our topic at home, you can:

- Find out about a planet in our solar system and make a poster / fact file to bring into school.
- Think about the different places you have been on Earth – a holiday, visiting relatives etc. How far did you have to travel? How did you get there? What are the similarities and differences to where you live?
- Build a junk model rocket. You can use any recycling you have in your house.
- Create a drawing or model of our solar system.





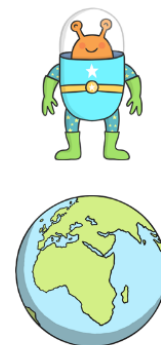
Home Reading

Now that the children are progressing through the Read Write Inc. book colours, it is as important as ever to ensure that children are practising their reading at home every day to embed and reinforce their phonics knowledge. It is so important to create a love of reading from a young age, and reading at home is a great way to support this. Remember that children's story books are changed as often as they are needed, and their reading books area changed every Tuesday and Friday. Please hear your child read as often as possible and record it on Boom Reader; if you need another copy of your child's Boom Reader login details, please let me know and I can print them off for you again.



Numbots

It is fantastic to see so many children participating in maths home learning! Please encourage your child to go on Numbots three times a week for at least 5 minutes – any more than this is a bonus! If you need your Numbots login again, please let me know.



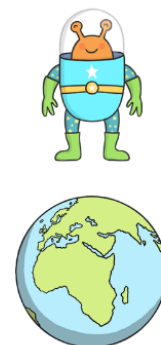
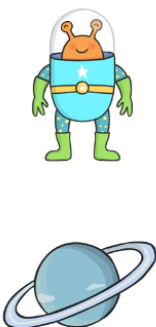
PE and Outdoor Learning Day

PE will continue to be on **Tuesdays**, and our Forest School Day will continue to be on **Thursdays**. Please ensure that children come into school wearing weather appropriate clothes. Although the weather will begin to warm up, I would like to remind you that our Forest School uniform remains the same with long black / navy bottoms to ensure the children are well protected from stings and cuts.



Warm Weather

As the weather will hopefully begin to warm up, it is important to keep the children hydrated and safe in the sun. The children will be encouraged to drink regularly throughout the day and to wear sun hats when needed. We have a class set of school sun hats for your child to wear, but you are welcome to bring one from home if you would prefer. If you would like to send a named sun cream into school, we can keep this in school. Please could I ask that you apply sun cream to children in the morning, and we will ensure that they reapply at lunchtime when required.



Toys

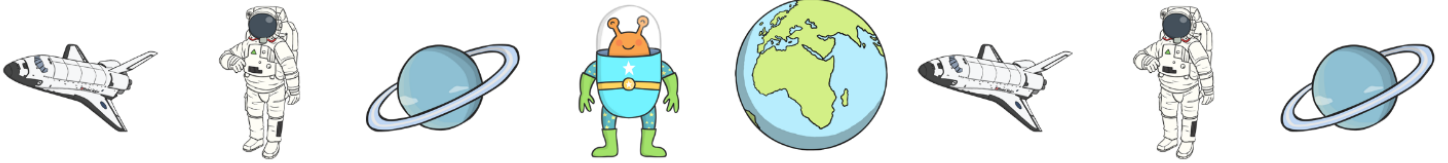
A reminder that we ask for children not to bring their own toys into school. This is because we already have so many exciting resources as part of our daily activities, and to ensure no toys from home get broken or lost. As it is so important to foster a love of reading from a young age, I am happy for children to continue bringing in a book from home for us to share at the end of the day if they have a book related to our topic that they would like to bring in.



As always, thank you for your continued support. I am really looking forward to the exciting half-term ahead! We have launched our new Facebook page, too, so do keep a look out on there to see what we are getting up to! I wish you all a Happy Easter Break.

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Mrs Perrin and the Reception Team.

