

## Communication and Language

We will develop attention and listening skills during story time by discussing the events and ideas stories contain. In circle time we will use games to listen carefully to one another's voices. The children will explore and discuss striking pictures of space, developing their ability to question, use their imagination and share their thoughts. We will extend children's vocabulary by exploring new words and Makaton signs that link to our topic.

## Literacy

In literacy, we will continue to learn new sounds every week. We will develop the children's ability to orally blend and segment sounds to support the skills of building words for reading and spelling words for writing. We will enjoy saying and learning nursery rhymes and songs with a space theme. We will read, act out and sequence stories linked to our topic, such as *Whatever Next*, *Little Moon*, *Roaring Rockets* and *Aliens Love Underpants*. We will also read non-fiction books about space. The children will mark make and practise letter formation using pens, pencils, chalks, water and paint and in a variety of media such as space slime, alien goo and moon sand!

## Expressive Art and Design

As part of our space focus, the Nursery children will explore a range of materials as they make moonscapes, space equipment, telescopes and design aliens. Our role play area this half term is a space station which includes a huge rocket that the children made at the end of last half-term. Children will have the opportunity to use their developing space knowledge in their play. They can inspect the shuttle and countdown to blast off. They can also search for aliens or plot a course for a new galaxy! Using a variety of construction materials, our children will be encouraged to build space ships, planets and aliens. We will sing and make music to new songs about Space.

Our topic this half term is "Space!"  
Spring 2  
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## Physical Development

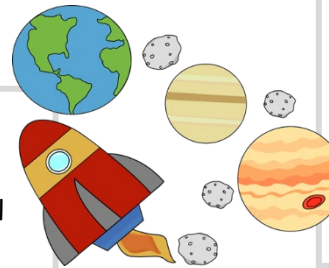
In PE our focus for the half-term will be dance. The Children will develop their own sequences of movements to music. The dance will depict an astronaut's exciting adventure into space. We will also move like rockets, shooting stars and comets. All children will continue to have daily access to a range of resources outside to support physical development. They will be encouraged to build rockets and make alien obstacle courses. We will practice our throwing and catching skills and use our knowledge of position and direction words in a variety of games.

## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term we will continue to work on the social and emotional aspects of learning and focus on it's Good to Be Me!. This will explore; feeling good about myself, understanding my feelings and standing up for myself. Imagining we were packing for a flight to the moon, we will consider, through a circle time, what things are important to us and why.

## Mathematical Development

This half term we will continue to identify and play with numbers to 10 and beyond. We will particularly focus on numbers 9 and 10. There will be lots of opportunities to count stars, moon rocks and planets. As we take off for space, we will count up to, and down from, 10. We will use position and direction words in an alien hunt outside and also compare the weights of different moon rocks. We will identify, sort and describe 2D shapes and these will be used in our alien and rocket design activities.



## Understanding of the World

Our topic this half-term is *space*. We will think about what and where space is. We will learn about the planets and our own planet, Earth. How people can get into space will be a focus and the work that astronauts do. We will learn about what it is like on the moon and watch film of the moon landings. We will observe the signs of the changing season and learn about the animals that are born in Spring. We will think about the importance of Easter time to Christians and read the Easter Story.

*Hello! This is an overview of our learning this half term. You can help at home by talking about space, looking at the sky at night, reading fiction and non-fiction books linked to our topic and using the "word power" words in the conservatory. Thank you. Mrs Guest, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Afsar.*