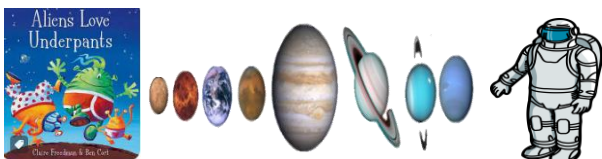


EYFS Topic – In the Night Sky

This half-term we will be focusing on light and dark. We will read stories about space, astronauts and aliens. We will learn about significant people such as Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong. We will look at Space travel and the moon landings. We will also prepare for our Christmas showcase and learn about the Christmas story. We will read Whatever Next!, Beegu, On the Way Back Home, Aliens Love Underpants and The Christmas Story.



Personal, social and emotional development.

The children will be learning about British values, we will look at celebrations in different cultures, such as Diwali and Hanukkah. We will have a visit from the Life education Bus and learn about Healthy lifestyles. This will include, brushing teeth, washing, parts of the body and feelings. We will think about How different families celebrate.



Physical development.

We will continue practicing dressing and undressing, respond to music and poems through dance, develop fine motor skills by cutting, threading and finger gym exercises. This will support us to attempt to write our own names and begin practising to form recognisable letters. We will also develop gross motor skills in PE and outdoor play, moving with confidence and control. This will include hopping, jumping and rolling.



Mathematics number

We will be learning to verbally count to 20. We will count objects using careful counting up to 10, focusing on the stopping number

We will be learning how to represent 5 in different ways and introducing the language of 'whole' and 'part' when talking about values.

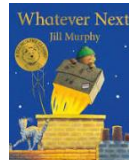
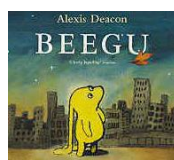
We will be learning to subitise to 5. This means looking at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many objects there are without needing to count but spotting patterns.



We will understand that a group of objects has the same value even if it has been rearranged.

English

We will read non-fiction books all about space and looking at features of non-fiction. We will retell stories using puppets, props, costumes and pictures. The children will be learning to write their name. and form all the letters correctly. We will be learning new sounds and how to blend and segment words in phonics. This will allow the children to start learning to read and write familiar words and simple sentences. We will also be writing for different purposes like letters, lists, captions and signs.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be carefully using equipment such as scissors, tape and glue. We will choose our own resources. We will practise using different ways to join.

Children will create Diva lamp linked to Diwali using clay. They will develop the skills to sculpt the clay and use the tools safely.

The children will create firework pictures, calendars, space paintings etc.

We will create a space rocket / space station role play and act out different roles and adventures.

Music –We will be preparing for our Christmas production and learning songs.

Art – we will be looking at the artist Georgia O Keefe.



Understanding the world

We will be learning about Space. We will focus on the planets, space travel and significant people such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.

We Will create a time line with all he events and important dates since we have started school.

We will look at Celebrations and events in different countries including the festival of light 'Diwali' and explore the Hindu culture.



We will explore ways to block out light and compare the experiences of light and dark. We will play with shadows, experimenting how to change the size and shape, and how to make them vanish!

We will create firework patterns using PurpleMash and iPads.