



Summer 1

Half Term Information for Parents

Reception class

Happy children aiming high

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed plenty of Easter eggs! We can't believe it is the summer term already! This information sheet tells you a little about our Early Years setting and about the theme being followed for this half term. We hope that you find it useful.

Theme: Summer 1-Out of this World

Continuous Provision in the Early Years

Continuous provision covers the areas that are available to children most of the time.

Construction area

Here children have a variety of large and small building toys such as large foam bricks, wooden blocks and Duplo. This area is always popular with some very creative and imaginative models and buildings being built. Teamwork is encouraged and naturally lots of interaction between peers occurs as well as some great language development. Clipboards and paper are often available, so children can draw their models. Half termly enhancements-Space rocket names, lists of food to take on a picnic to space, describing an alien, writing a postcard from space

Small World area

In this area children can use resources such as trains or farm animals to create their own games and role play. Half termly enhancements-Rocket small world and a space station role play area

Home Corner

This is always a busy area where children act out experiences they have had or seen such as washing up, helping with the baking or laying the table for a meal, we even had 2 children planning a camping trip! As with all areas of Early Years imagination, creativity and Communication and language are developed in this area. Half termly enhancements-Junk model food boxes to support role play. Props to act out the story of Whatever Next

Sensory area

In this area children are provided with different materials or objects to explore. We also have a light table for children to use. Half termly enhancements-light and dark activities, exploring reflective shiny materials. Finding out about the planets

Water area

Children have access to a range of containers and tools to explore in the water tray. Here children can begin to understand capacity and the language of capacity such as full, half full and empty as well as making up their own imaginative games. Half termly enhancements- blue and black sparkly space water and water bottle space rockets

Dough table

Dough is a great resource to help develop children's fine motor skills and hand strength to later support writing. This term we will continue weekly Dough Disco sessions to further develop co-ordination and the muscles in children's hands and arms. Half termly

enhancements-themed dough mats to encourage imagination. Sparkly space dough. Making aliens with dough. Star cutters

Book area

Stories are read to children daily. In the book area children might choose to look at a book on their own or with a friend. Children are encouraged to hold a book correctly and begin to discuss books-characters, events, what might happen next. Half termly enhancements-Space stories

Writing area

A very popular area! Children have access to a variety of writing tools and equipment including clip boards, whiteboards and paper. Half termly enhancements-postcards from space, invites to a space party, shopping lists for a space picnic

Maths area

Children are provided with a variety of resources for number, sorting, counting, practical addition and subtraction, measuring and shape activities. This half term we will be continuing to follow the White Rose Maths scheme and will be learning about numbers from 1- to 20 and beyond, exploring the number 100, finding out about 2D and 3D shapes, adding and taking away in practical and pictorial activities, doubling numbers, sharing and grouping resources, learning about odd and even numbers,

Read Write Inc- All children will participate in Read Write Inc activities, the phonics scheme we use within school. Children will work at different levels-learning the Read Write Inc Pictures, letter sounds, using the letter sounds in their writing, using their knowledge of sounds to read words and sentences.

Our books this half term: Whatever Next, The man on the moon, Aliens Love Underpants, To Catch a Star, Back to Earth with a bump

Our theme this half term-Out of this World-We will learn about the moon and the different shapes it can be. We will explore the planets and their names. We will learn about being an astronaut and watch what it is like to be in space. We will have a space station role play area and pretend to fly to the moon!

How can you help?

- Ensure your child is in school on time and ready to learn-8:50
- We always enjoy hearing about your child's achievements, big and small! Trying a new food, climbing to the top of the slide in the park, sleeping all night in their own bed....
- Please bring in Junk Modelling again for making space rockets

Class Reminders

Please help us by naming clothing, particularly jumpers and coats.

This term we will be moving over to EYFS 360 as our on line learning journal. If you haven't already, please share your details on the form from Mrs Frost sent last half term.

Any questions please see a member of the early years team