



Curriculum Newsletter



**Mrs Thompson-Yates & Mrs Yarranton
RTY**

**Reception
Spring 1 2023**

**Mrs Mercer
RM**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will take part in Cosmic Yoga and mindfulness activities to develop our own mindfulness.

The underwear rule – [Pants are Private](#) (NSPCC)

Books we will be reading

- ▶ Welcome To Alien School read by Josh
- ▶ The Boy Who Switched Off The Sun by Paul Br...
- ▶ How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers I Read Alo...
- ▶ Whatever Next by Jill Murphy
- ▶ Here come the aliens story
- ▶ Aliens Love underpants - Books Alive! Read Alo...

Mathematics

We will explore representing, comparing and making numbers 5, 6, 7 & 8.
We will be combining 2 groups together.
We will compare mass, capacity, length, height and time.

Physical Development

We will explore dance and creating movement to music with our P.E. coach.

We will develop our small motor skills to help us practise correct letter formation. We will practise our letter formation daily to ensure correct formation.

Our Topic:

Space!

Click on the links for stories, activities, videos and games to lock in your learning at home. Find ideas for Home Learning on the next page.

Communication and Language

We will continue to build our bank of vocabulary linked to our space stories. We will discuss space and facts about it - practising using longer sentences, including the word 'because'.

Understanding the World

We will find out about the Earth, Moon, Sun and life on the International Space Station.
We will learn about day and night,
We will explore Chinese New Year, how it is celebrated and its story.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will design and create aliens and spaceships. We will create our own artwork inspired by the cherry blossom artwork from China.
We will explore 'space' music such as Gustav Holst's 'The Planets' and Europe's 'The Final Countdown'.

Literacy

We will continue learning how to blend and segment words to help us read and write words.
We will write simple sentences including 'tricky words' when writing instructions, letters, facts and labels.




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Home Learning

Solar System

Listen to  The Solar System Song then choose a planet to find out about. You could use the internet, books, visit Catshill/Bromsgrove library or explore information on [European Space Agency](#). You could record your findings by creating:

- A poster
- An information video.
- A model.
- A story.

Fun Phonics!

Phonics games to play at home (select Phase 2 sounds):

[Pick a Picture](#)
[Balloon Phonics](#)
[CVC Bingo](#)

[Phonics Pop](#) - select the letter sounds you need to practise.

Moon Diary

Start a moon diary. You could carry this out for a week, a fortnight or a month. Every night draw the shape of the moon. If it is cloudy you could draw a cloud.

Does the moon stay the same shape or does it change? Can you find out the names of the different shapes of the moon?

This [Jojo and Gran Gran](#) episode video link here can give you some ideas.

Please share your home learning and as well as new experiences on **Tapestry** so your child can share this at school with their teachers and friends.

Life in Space

Astronauts live on the International Space Station. Can you find out facts about how they live in space? Which are your favourite facts about life in space?

You could record your findings by creating:

- A poster
- An information video.
- A model
- A story.

Magic Maths!

We follow White Rose maths scheme which offers home learning. [White Rose Home Learning](#)

To lock in your learning at home click the link above and follow the home learning for Spring term 'Alive in 5' and 'Growing 6, 7, 8'.

Aliens!

In the story 'Smed and Smoos' by Julia Donaldson there are lots of aliens from different planets they visit.

Can you design your own planet with aliens? What do they look like? What is their planet like?

Reminders

Key Dates

Share, Learn and Play:
RTY - Tuesday 7th February, 3pm-3:20pm
RM - Wednesday 8th February, 3pm-3:20pm

P.E. and Forest Sessions

P.E. day for RTY & RM - Wednesdays
Forest Session RTY - Fridays
Forest Session RM - Thursdays

Reading Books

Reading daily for 10 minutes supports your child's development.
Bring your reading wallet to school every day.