



## Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter



### Reception – Spring Term 2

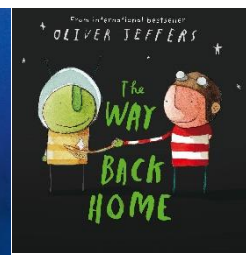
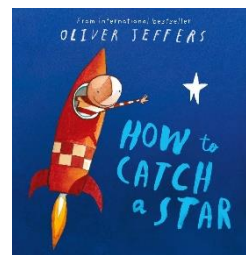
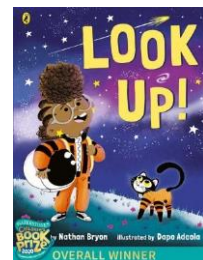
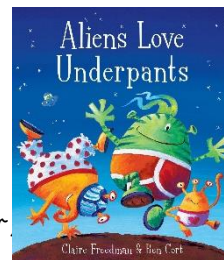
#### Blast Off!

This half term, our focus topic is all about space!

We will be using our key texts:

Aliens Love Underpants, Look Up!, How to Catch a Star and The Way Back Home. We will also spend time looking at non-fiction information books to find out lots of interesting facts about space.

Children will have lots of exciting opportunities set up in the provision to access based around our topic.



#### Sharing Afternoon

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all that attended the Valentines Sharing Afternoon.

The children loved the opportunity of sharing our different learning experiences with you, and we hope that you enjoyed it too!

Also, thank you to those who have completed the feedback form. This will really help when planning these sessions in the future. If you have not yet completed this, and would like to, please follow this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/W6Lbu5Z0Hs>

We look forward to putting on lots more sessions like this in the future!

#### Our Learning

Throughout each week, children have daily opportunities to engage in lots of activities to develop all areas of their learning. Some of our focus activities include:

**Literacy** – Extending their writing skills by beginning to write phrases and sentences, writing labels and instructions. Use their phonics skills to build onto reading words and phrases.

**Maths** – Composition of numbers up to 7, exploring more and fewer, 2D shapes and positional language.

**Understanding the World** – Exploring the different planets, light and dark and the stars in the sky. Understand the festival of Easter.

**Art and Design** – recreation of an artists picture, exploring textures to make a moon and other objects, using their imagination and prior skills to use art materials to design and make their own pieces of art.

**Communication and Language** – looking at new vocabulary and using this in their play, developing their storytelling, engage in purposeful conversations.

## Home Learning

We love hearing about all the lovely things the children do at home. Home learning has lots of benefits so here are some ideas linked to our topic for you to try.

- Do some research to find some facts about space and create a poster.
- Use potatoes to print different planets with paint.
- Scrunch up some foil to make moon rocks. Can you count the moon rocks? Can you throw them into a bowl and count how many you get in?
- Use lots of old junk in your house to create a model of a rocket. You could use old cereal boxes and milk cartons.



Please send the children in with anything they have completed so they are able to share this with us and their class and we can celebrate this

## Talk for Writing

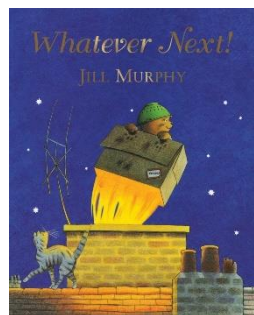


TalkforWriting

We have been spending time developing our storytelling skills through our talk for writing lessons.

Last half term, children learnt the story 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear?' The children brought home the story map and I hope they enjoyed telling you the story.

This half term, we will be looking at the story 'Whatever Next'. Children will also be spending time drawing their own story maps and innovating the story – which is where they change different parts to make it their own.



## Activities



Cbeebies has a wonderful section dedicated to all things space!

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/space](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/space)

This includes radio shows, episodes, games, information, books, stargazing and much more.

There are also websites such as National Geographic which includes lots of information for children to look at.

[www.natgeokids.com](http://www.natgeokids.com)

**When using technology, please ensure you are with your child.**

Last half term, children engaged with our topic really well and they loved finding out information about the polar regions and animals. The children remembered some wonderful information they had researched – including the size of Polar Bears!

They completed some wonderful work, and the children are trying really hard when developing their reading and writing skills. We are so very proud of them! Well done Reception!

