

Reception Newsletter

Welcome to Term 5!

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely half term.

Curriculum information

Our topic in term 5 is Explorers

This term we will be exploring lots of different things. In the first week we will be learning about astronauts, rockets, the International Space Station and NASA. As well as having some alien fun! Then we will look at dinosaurs before moving onto pirates. These pirates will then explore London, Australia and Antarctica!

In **Literacy**, we will continue to develop our Phonic knowledge by learning Level 2 and Level 3 sounds to become more confident in recognising and using them in both reading and writing. We have some wonderful stories to share with the children to stimulate discussion, story telling and opportunities to have a go at writing labels, captions and even sentences for children that are ready!

In **Maths** this term, securing our knowledge of numbers to 20. We will be ordering and comparing numbers, adding amounts together. We will also be learning about sharing and grouping numbers

Key dates

Please put these dates in your diary for the upcoming term:

1.5.24- Library Trip

21.5.24- International music day (in school)

23.5.24- Sports day

Clothing

Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name. Please feel free to add spare clothes into their bag if you feel necessary.

Toys

Although toys can be a comfort for some children, this can cause upset if other children want to play or if their personal toys get lost or broken. So we kindly request that all toys from home are given to a parent at drop off to stop any additional upset throughout the school day.

Reading

Reading is a key skill to access a wonderful range of stories, learning and imagination! We encourage our children to love reading and share stories and books in our classroom daily.

We will begin our phonics learning, which is giving your child the tools to begin their reading journey. Each week they will be learning individual sounds and practising how to blend them to decode words.

Each week your child will receive two books. One book will be a decodable book that we will read during a guided reading session in class-this will be changed every **Friday**. They will then have an opportunity to choose a book from our school library to enjoy at home, this book is for them to share with parents, siblings, grandparents etc and is a book to read for pleasure. This book will be changed every **Friday**.

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag everyday as we will be reading with them.



Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.**



P.E is on Friday

Children need to be in full PE kit on this day in line with our school's uniform policy.

Please remove earrings on these days.

Reminder

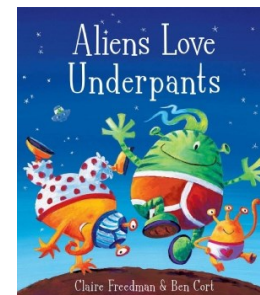
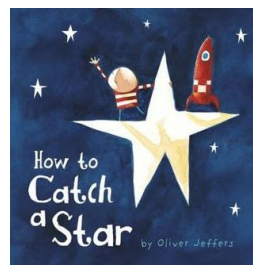
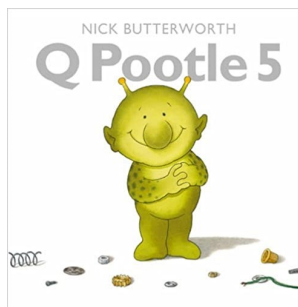
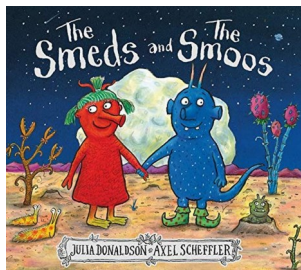
We are a **NUT FREE** school, therefore please ensure that if your child brings packed lunch that it contains no nuts products this includes chocolate spread containing nuts.

Reception Knowledge Organiser

Explorers

This term's topic is 'Explorers?'

Look at some of the new books we will be reading this term to help our learning:



Home learning

Each term we ask you and your child to complete a home learning task relating to our topic. This is to extend and share your child's learning from school and to spend time together creating something for them to show and tell each term. These can be as creative or simple as you like!

This term we would like you to make something you could travel in to go exploring - a rocket, spaceship, pirate ship...

Please give these to your class teacher by 20th May to ensure we have time to share all of the space ships with the rest of the class.

Key Vocabulary this term

Communication and Language is a priority area in Early Years and we encourage you to take every opportunity to engage in dialogue with your child.

Our Key topic words are:

Space

Rocket

Astronaut

Star

Moon

Planet

Alien

Ideas for home learning this term:

- Reading—lots of reading and sharing books! Share Fiction and Non-Fiction books with a member of your family.
- Count! Count stairs or how many potatoes they have at dinner or how many pairs of socks they have.
- Sing counting songs. Here are a few to start you off:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bONHrFNZWb0>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D4K9oi7oBM&t=27s>
- Practise putting their jumpers on and off and shoes on and off.
- Sharing and turn taking games e.g. snap, Jenga.
- Recognising their name.

Please upload as many photos as you can, creating your home learning or anything that you feel your child may want to share on to Tapestry as we love to see and share as a class!