

Communication and Language

We will continue sharing both fiction and non-fiction stories on a regular basis. Children will have the opportunity to ask relevant questions to support their understanding.

As a class, we will focus on responding to the ideas of others. We will develop our speech to link statements and stick to a main theme.

Physical Development

Outdoor PE will take place on a Tuesday morning (weather permitting) and Indoor PE will take place on a Friday Morning.

This half term, we will be following our Real PE scheme going on a 'Journey to the Blue Planet'. We will develop our balance and agility through a range of Multi-Skills sessions, participating in various games and activities.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Hampton Dene Discoverers focus for this term is 'Resilience and Adaptability'.

The children will explore and discuss what it means to be a good friend. We will encourage children to invite others in their play and value sharing their ideas. We will continue our focus on emotions and talk about different scenarios.

English

Our learning will be based around a range of Space books: Whatever Next, Aliens love Underpants and How to Catch a Star.

We will use these texts to write for different purposes. We will create a list of items to take to the moon, a diary entry and sequence the story.

Children will be encouraged to give meaning to their mark making, as well as sounding out words independently using their phonetic knowledge.

Daily Phonics sessions will continue following our Bug Club scheme.

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Our topic in Ladybird Class this half term is 'Space' as voted for by the class.

The children's interests will continually be used to inform the direction which our topic takes.



Maths

We will explore standard and non-standard measurement using cubes and rulers. We will learn key vocabulary such as tallest, shortest, longest and order objects to represent this.

We will practise combining two groups together and focus on writing the number sentences. We will also look at number bonds to 10 using part whole models and 10 frames.

The children will identify 3D shapes and build on their understanding of patterns to create complex AABBAABB patterns.

Understanding the World

As a class, we will learn about the first man on the moon and watch a clip of a space mission. We will study the solar system and talk about each planet.

We will also explore day length, drawing shadows and creating shadow puppets.

We will identify seasonal changes from Winter-Spring too.

How you can help

Please talk to your child about our new topic of 'Space' and allow them time to share what we have been learning. Provide regular opportunities for your child to practise their letter formation, which will help develop their fine motor strength. Please read with your child at home and practise their keywords daily. Encourage your child to identify number bonds to 10 and write number sentences accurately.

Thank you!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will use a range of materials to make junk model rockets and telescopes. We will be creating and painting aliens and make paper mache planets as a class. We will explore rolling marbles in paint to create different planets and design traps to catch a star. We will also make Easter egg nests, paper plate chicks and design our own Easter eggs using cotton buds and pom poms.