

This term, Reception are learning about:

Literacy

In English we will begin by exploring the text 'Man on the moon' by Simon Bartram, and Beegu by Alexis Deacon, which will help us learn about travelling to space (which is our PKC topic). We will also read non-fiction books to learn about Space. When writing, children will be learning about what makes a perfect sentence: a tall capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. Please support your children with English by making sure they are regularly read to and have opportunities to read (practising their phonics reading skills).

Maths

Numbers 0-10 will be our main focus, as children continue to practise counting, ordering and sequencing these numbers. Children will recognise what is one more and one less than a given number and practise adding and subtraction. Children will learn to estimate and then check their answer by counting. We will practise grouping and sharing with the use of practical resources and songs. The children will also learn about the calendar and time.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our PSHE sessions will cover other important values and emotional skills that will help children navigate and understand their relationships with others and themselves. This term we will be focusing on building self-esteem, courage and self-control through story and interactive activities.

Communication and Language

This term we will be using the literacy program Pearson's Bug Club. This programs help children develop their language skills by increasing the children's vocabulary (exploring the meaning of new words) and understand the story in greater depth. Activities and discussions in these literacy programs (and in other learning areas) help the children extend their communication and language skills. We will also be using the NELI programme to build on their language and speaking skills and to help with their Literacy development.

Physical Development

Dance

This term in dance we will recognise that actions can be reproduced in time to music, beat patterns and different speeds. We will perform a wide variety of dance actions both similar and contrasting. We will copy, repeat and perform simple movement patterns.

Expressive Arts and Design

In art this term we will be looking at line. We will be learning about the artist Jackson Pollock and creating drip paintings in this style. We will also Create pictures like Hundertwasser using spirals and curved lines. To celebrate the Chinese New Year we will be making a dragon puppet.

Our role play this term is a space station and children will be able to climb into the rocket ship and re-enact what it is like to be an astronaut in space.

Understanding of the World

Children will explore Space. They will learn about our planet Earth, the moon, the sun, and the planets in our solar system. The children will explore space travel, astronauts, and the International Space Station. The children will learn about the moon landings, scientists and astronomers such as Neil Armstrong. They will also gain an understanding of the space stations and when and why it was built and launched.