

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to work on developing your child's personal, social and emotional development by promoting the importance of working as part of a group and taking turns. We will consider how we can make good choices when we play with each other.

We will support your child to resolve minor disagreements with their peers by listening to each other and using kind words.

We will continue to refer to our learning animals when trying hard to be a persevering parrot when faced with challenges....remember at Oatlands we keep on trying!

We will be learning about our new values of **trust** and **thoughtfulness**. We will think about what things we enjoy doing and how we can work towards understanding ourselves and others.

We will continue to develop our self-confidence skills when retelling stories and speaking in front of a familiar group.



Space

Reception - Spring 2



Physical Development

We will continue to develop your child's fine motor skills to assist handwriting through a variety of tools and techniques. We will work on developing our confidence when using one handed tools and we will practise cutting around more complex shapes.

We will work on our handwriting skills by recapping curly caterpillar letters as well as learning how to form one armed robot letters correctly.

We will develop our control and coordination by using balls, quoits, beanbags and hoops. We will also develop our gross motor skills daily in the provision by using using large scale pieces of apparatus to travel, balance and move in different ways. In games we will be working on our football skills.

At Home

Please support your child with their handwriting by encouraging correct letter formation of the above lower case letters using the prompts given out in the autumn term.

Communication and Language

We will develop your child's language skills by providing opportunities for them to explore rhyme, extend their vocabulary and to explore the meaning of new words through our space topic. We will continue to work on maintaining attention and being 'concentrating crocodiles' during an appropriate activity.

Your child will listen, respond and retell stories about Space including:

Aliens love underpants

You choose in Space

How to catch a star

Here we are by Oliver Jeffers

They will also have the opportunity to enjoy a range of space non-fiction texts including, **Osborne Look inside Space and Astra Cat's Solar System**

Your child will have the opportunity to listen to and recite a well known poem by Michael Rosen called '**We can**' from '**A Great Big Cuddle**'.

Your child will develop their imaginative language and story-telling skills in our space rocket role play areas.

We will also work on developing your child's listening and attention skills by attending whole class assemblies three times a week on a Monday, Tuesday and a Friday.

At Home

Try to build up your child's vocabulary by exposing them to as many different books, rhymes and poems as possible!

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Literacy

Your child will continue to take part in daily phonics lessons to segment and blend sounds, link sounds to letters, naming and sounding letters of the alphabet. We will support them in learning to read a range of tricky words and simple sentences both in class and as part of Reading Practice. We will be recapping over all of the sounds and tricky words we have learnt so far. We will begin looking at different strategies for reading longer words by using the chunking method. We will also practise segmenting for writing when spelling words including ones with digraphs in.

Your child will have the opportunity to segment for writing when writing captions for their alien pictures, creating story maps and writing some sentences about space. They will also have opportunities to explore a selection of non-fiction space texts to retrieve facts and information. We will discuss some of the differences between fiction and non-fiction books.

At Home

Try sharing some non-fiction texts at home to reinforce this learning. Remember to visit the parent section of the Little Wandle website to find out more about what your child is learning in phonics.

Mathematics - White Rose

In practical activities and discussions your child will have the opportunity to -

- Secure their counting skills by exploring the numbers 9 and 10
- Understand that the place each number holds in a sequence does not change
- Explain how to order quantities to 10
- Compare quantities using more than or fewer than
- Use part, part whole models to understand the composition of numbers including number bonds to 10.

Your child will continue to explore 2D shapes and pattern in the provision. We will also begin learning about 3D shapes and they will be encouraged to name them and talk about some of the similarities and differences between them.

At Home

Check out the brilliant White Rose app to support your child's number sense at home. Play lots of counting games and practise counting forwards and backwards from 10 and then 20.

Understanding the World

Your child will learn lots of facts about space this half term through a range of texts, maps and atlases. They will have opportunities to talk about similarities and differences in relation to Earth and other planets. They will also have the chance to learn about the role of an astronaut and we will look at the moon landing. We will be finding out about some significant individuals including Tim Peaks and Neil Armstrong.

We will continue to look at different celebrations from around the world including Ramadan, Mothering Sunday, Lent and Easter. We will learn about the traditions and take part in activities to learn about how they are celebrated. We will also be looking at seasonal changes and we will observe some of the first signs of Spring!

RE link: What makes a place special?

At Home

Why not visit the library to find some books on space and bring in some facts to share with your class?

Expressive Arts and Design

Your child will have opportunities to construct with a purpose in mind and experiment with different textures when creating their own space collage pictures. They will continue to explore and mix colours when designing their own alien pictures. Your child will be supported to develop their imagination and story telling skills alongside other children in our role play areas.

They will also be using a wide range of tools and techniques to shape and join materials together when creating their rockets and Mother's Day/ Easter cards.

Your child will have the opportunity to join in and perform a whole class Easter song.