

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

As well as building on our work with Golden Rules, we are developing our emotional literacy and ability to recognise our own feelings as well as those around us. We will continue to role play situations we may face where

Help your child by: encouraging your child to think about the moral of the story or discussing decision which have been made and their implication on the other characters. Encourage your child to explain to you about the Golden Rules and talk about why they are so important.

Communication and Language

With our new topic of Space, we will be encouraging children to look at the world around them and talk about the different aspects of the world. We will be reading a variety of texts about space.

Help your child by: encouraging them to talk about their work and school day using full sentences. Visit your local library and borrow some books on space, you could even make your space fact file and share it with the class or on Tapestry!

Physical Development

Ball sports

In our P.E sessions we will be changing our focus from dance to ball sports. We will be exploring different ways in which we can use balls in sports and games. There will be lots of opportunities for children to practice different types of ball skills.

Help your child by: allowing them to dress and undress themselves at home. Try doing it at the weekend, when you have more time. Please send in clothes that they can manage themselves. PE will take place on Monday morning; ensure that your child has their **PE Kit on a Monday** ready for the lesson.

Literacy

We will continue to develop the children's confidence in writing and working on their sentence building skills with the use of finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. We will continue to read a range of books both in our guided reading sessions as well as the 'real books' we share with the class. To help our understanding of new forms of transportation we will be looking at a selection of non-fiction texts too!

Help your child by: reading a range of books with your child. You can also show your child you are a reader and a writer by making sure they see you write shopping lists, messages and even your own stories! We would love to see as many parents joining us for our **Thursday reading mornings** and our **Thursday afternoon Mystery Storyteller** sessions!

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Mathematics

In Maths we will be continuing to consolidate our counting in 2's 5's and 10's. We will also be exploring patterns with shapes and looking at different shapes within our learning environment.

Help your child by: encourage your child to have a go at counting things in doubles for e.g., wheels on a car or bus. Look at different patterns around the house or when you are out for walk, talk about the sequence and discuss the shapes.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring different ways of creating textures, patterns and extensive colour ranges. We will be linking these skills into our Space topic by focusing on what we can see from Earth and how we might represent our ideas.

Help your child by: Looking at the illustrations of some of your favourite books and researching your favourite artists in order to inspire your own art work at home! Please share any of your amazing art work on Tapestry. Don't forget drawing and painting can be a great way to build those fine motor muscles and develop pen control ready for writing our own stories!



Understanding the World

Linking in with our topic of space we will be looking at the world around us. We will be talking to the children about how our solar system works, where the Earth is located and the process of day and night. As families' week will also be happening this half term we will also be sharing thoughts on what makes our family special to us.

Help your child by: encouraging them to look at the world around them and discuss the differences they might see in the sky during day and night. You could experiment with torches and discuss how the light might travel. You could also research the different planets in our solar system using ICT. Talk to your child about your family and discuss why family is important to you.

Don't forget:

- Spare clothes for your child.
- Wellington boots for school (if available)
- Junk modelling brought in to class.
- Book bags in every day!
- Write a comment in the reading records after sharing the new story!
- **Please name all items of clothing!**

We would really appreciate a donation to help pay for everyday consumables used in the classroom to support your child's learning. We suggest a contribution of £3 or whatever you are happy to donate which can be given to any of the Reception staff. – Thank you! 😊

We are a healthy eating school, so if you wish to bring in a treat for the children for your child's birthday, please ensure that it reflects our commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle!



Key dates:

- Inset day 23rd April
- Space visitor Week beginning 29th April
- Bank holiday 6th May
- EYFS Picnic 9th May (4:00-5:00)
- Families week 20-24th May
- Term finishes on 24th May at 3:30
- Summer 2 3rd June 2019

Tapestry

We have seen so many families using Tapestry to share their child's accomplishments outside of school. This gives a great sense of achievement as they talk about their experiences and helps us to build the confidence speaking to bigger groups of friends. If you would like to upload content but are struggling to do so or even if you need new login details, please come and speak with a member of the Reception team.

Motor Skills

We are continuing to develop the children's fine and gross motor skills to support their letter formation, writing stamina and ability to sit upright at a chair and on the carpet. We love to hear you have been making playdough, cornflour slime or any other malleable resources at home. If you would like to get recipes or any ideas on how you can develop these skills at home please speak with a member of the team or have a look on <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/> for inspiration.

Woodwork

We are looking to launch our woodwork bench this half term. We have already had some parents volunteer their skills but if you have a passion for working with your hands or have any practical skills you would like to share with the children, please speak with a member of the team.

Recommended books:

Here are some of the texts we will be reading this half term; **'Man on the Moon'**, **'Aliens Love underpants'**, **'How to Catch a Star'**, **'Here We Are'**, **'Dr. Xargle'** and **'Whatever Next?'**, and a range of non-fiction texts about space.

We also recommend you read the following books at home to support your child's learning, all of which can be found in Wood Green library: Room on the Broom, Farmer duck, You Can't Take Elephant on the Bus, Mr Grumpy's Motor Car, Mrs Armatige On Wheels, All Kinds of Cars, All Aboard for the BoBo Road, Emma Jane's Aeroplane, The Hundred Decker Bus, Cycle City, The Runaway Train, Lost and Found and Amelia Earheart.