

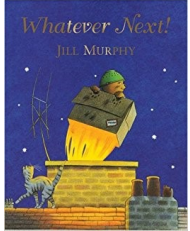


RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

To Infinity... and Beyond!



SPRING 1



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the break. We are very excited about our new focus story, 'Whatever Next!' and all of the learning opportunities that it creates. There are some lovely versions to watch and read online, or you might already own the book at home. We will be learning the story and then coming up with our own unique version!

LITERACY

In Phonics, some children will be continuing to learn the Set 1 sounds and others will be learning special friends (two or more letters that make one sound). Your child may come home with a 'Ditty' reading sheet to practise at home.

We will listen to and learn some space poems, learn lots of new space vocabulary and even write to some aliens!

TOPIC

In our UW learning we will be focusing on space. We will find out about the moon with Baby Bear and then we will find out about planets in our solar system. We will use green screen technology to visit the moon. We will also learn about Lunar New Year and host a Chinese Restaurant for our Nursery friends.

In our RE learning we will focus on some stories Jesus told in Christianity.

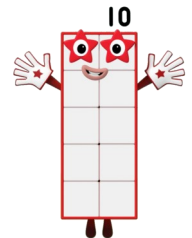
PSED

Jigsaw is part of our PSED curriculum. This half-term, the theme is *Dreams and Goals*. We will try some tricky challenges. We will think about things we want to do and set goals. We will learn what it means to *persevere*, and that's it's okay not to be able to do something straight away. We will think about how we can encourage each other.



MATHS

In maths, we will explore the numbers seven to ten, and we will continue to learn number bonds to five. We will continue to explore the language of size, as we think about weight, height and distance. We will continue to practise counting larger numbers and practise counting in twos.



KEY QUESTIONS

- What is it like on the moon?
- How do you get to space?
- What is a planet?
- What are the planets like?
- Do you need special clothes in space?



DIARY DATES & OTHER INFORMATION

- PE is on Wednesdays - please send your child in their PE kit on Wednesdays.
- Reception 'Stay late' TBC (It is likely to be week 3, 5:30-6:30pm). Children will be invited to return to school one evening to star-gaze, listen to stories of the stars and enjoy hot chocolate.