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## **Reception Newsletter** **W/C 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Dear Reception Families,

The children had a great time learning about space, planets, astronauts and gravity last week. The children had many opportunities to write about their ideas; they drew and labelled rockets, drew Astrid the astronaut and wrote about her and more. We celebrated Maths week last week and the children have lots of opportunities to solve problems. We also continued to practice our counting to 20 skills.

### **Reading**

The children's reading is coming along amazingly and we can tell that there has been lots of reading practice going on at home. Even a few pages a day makes a difference! We will continue to teach new digraphs but the whole of next term is consolidation of all these sounds so there will be plenty of time to practice their phonics learning and build reading fluency. Please keep up the reading at home and keep the reading backs in school book bags.

### **Learning**

Our topic this half term is Travel and Transport. Last week the children were exposed to new vocabulary such as space, astronaut, asteroid, space ship, gravity, experiments, space cadet and space station. Some chose to engage in some travelling to space role play and floating around the classroom.

### **Communication, Language & Literacy:**

This week we will include the following in our learning:

- Read and share 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and then ask children appropriate questions about the story.
- Discussing 'Where is Antarctica?', 'What is the weather like in the South Pole?' and writing about travelling to space.
- Continuing to practise sounding out CVC, CVCC and CCVC words when reading and writing.

### **Maths:**

- Subtraction - This week the children will learn about Subtraction and they will understand that if we ask 'how many left' that we are taking away.
- Maths meetings – The children will compare numbers using the key terminology 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'equal to'.

### **Other Areas of Learning:**

- PSHE: This week we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health week and we will discuss what matters most to the children.



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- Understanding the World: We are learning to understand the transport available in Shepperton.
- Arts: Creating storylines in travel role play, drawing travel pictures and dressing up for a holiday using the costumes
- P.E: We are learning to develop overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility.

**Notices/Reminders:**

- Parent progress meetings on are on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** and **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. To make an appointment, please logon to Scopay to book your slot. The online system will close at 12pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February.
- Just a reminder that children should only be bringing in **one** healthy snack a day; for example, some fruit, a yoghurt tube, rice cake, fruit bar etc. Snack time in Reception is about 10:15 so if they have something more substantial like a wrap they are not hungry enough to finish their lunch, which starts at 11:45. Thank you. We do have plenty of fruit available in school if a child does not have a snack.
- A polite reminder to please continue to check your child's hair for headlice as we have noticed some head scratching recently! Please let us know if you find lice in your child's hair; it is very common every year in Reception and we do need to inform other parents. Thank you for your support with this.

Please do not hesitate to email or call the school if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Morley, Miss Glaves and Mrs Bright