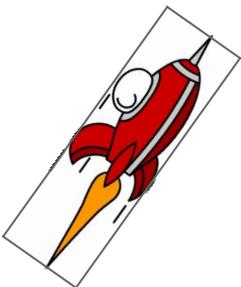




Shilton Infant School



Foundation Stage Sharing our Learning Newsletter Spring 2018 1st half term



This half term we are all going on 'An Adventure in Space'

Topic work

We will all be taking part in a literacy based project called 'An Adventure in Space' which will incorporate a wide range of cross curricular activities including opportunities for music, art work, ICT, drama, maths, science, DT and imaginative play. This project will culminate in our rooms being transformed into space galleries for the day to showcase our work. Classes 2 and 3 will be working with Tan to create space environments. We will also be having some special days as detailed below:

Wednesday 18th January—Take off Day

Thursday 25th January— Rocket Making

Wednesday 7th February —Gallery Day (details of this will be sent later)

Literacy in the nursery:

The children will enjoy a story session each day linked to the topic. These story sessions will often include the use of a wide range of puppets and story sacks to help stimulate interest and enthusiasm. All children will have the opportunity to select their own library book each week from a selection specifically purchased for this age group. There will also be lots of opportunities to 'play write' especially in the space station. A wide range of drawing and writing materials are always available on the drawing trolley. Children will be encouraged to recognise and begin to write their own names using a capital letter at the beginning only.

Literacy in Classes 2 & 3:

The children will be continue to work in streamed phonics groups .This work will be consolidated by a variety of games and fun activities. During the Space Adventure we will be writing for lots of different purposes including lists, letters, notes, diary entries and posters. The children will all be encouraged to form their letters correctly and to use their phonic knowledge to have a go at writing words. We will also be encouraging speaking, listening and drama skills throughout the project.

Maths in the nursery:

The children will sing a wide range of number songs and rhymes and again these will often be supported by the use of visual aids such as puppets and pictures.

They will be looking at the number symbols 1 to 10 and practicing counting through games and activities including work on the computers.

Maths in Classes 2 and 3:

We will be looking at the following: Identifying what is 1 more or 1 less than a given number to 20. Ordering groups of numbers. Counting backwards and forwards to 20 and beyond. Writing numerals 1 to 20 Relating addition to combining 2 groups of objects, counting all the objects. Recognising and using coins in play activities. Talking about simple estimation.

You can help your child by:-

- Talking with them as much as you can about anything and everything.
- Sharing books together talking about the pictures, characters and words.
- In reception classes - listening to your child read their reading book every night and practise their words.
- Counting objects around the home.
- Looking at and naming shapes and colours around the home and when you are out and about.
- Practising putting on own coats and fastening buttons and zips at home to make your child more independent.
- Encouraging your child to be as independent as possible when using the toilet and washing hands.
- Please ensure all your child's clothes including gloves, hats and scarves are clearly named.
- Enjoy singing the space songs and rhymes on the sheet provided

Have fun!

Aim high!

Achieve well!

Dates and events in school this half term

Don't forget - Religious Trail dates

Money and consent forms back by Tuesday 6th November please.

Temples trip - Monday 19th November, St Edmunds Church Thursday 22nd November.

All children should wear trousers and have a head scarf for the temples.