

Windmill Primary School



Reception Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2 **Wherever Next?**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another term has passed us by, and what an amazing amount of learning that has happened despite the term only being just over 5 weeks!

Our topic for Spring 2 is called Wherever Next?

The term will take us on lots of adventures in fantasy lands and into space!



Communication and Language

We will be giving the children lots of opportunities to explore language in role play and re-enacting a variety of stories. We will be looking at widening the children's vocabulary and understanding the structure of books including understanding the difference between fiction and non-fiction. We will also be learning a few space facts of course!

Physical Development

This term we will be practising our skills in balance and agility using our fantastic REAL PE programme and resources.

Literacy

In literacy, the children will be continuing with their Read, Write, Inc sessions where they are now using their phonic sounds in order to help them learn to read and write. The children love these lessons and it is a lively and positive way to learn. Regular practise of blending both in and out of school is essential. It would also be great if you could support your child with the sounds and words that are sent home in their phonics pack. This term we will be encouraging your child to become more confident to have a go at writing sentences independently, including the use of spelling tricky words.

Please continue to read with your child at home and talk about the books or texts you have read. If we could ask that as much reading is happening at home as possible, as ever it doesn't matter what is being read as long as it is something that your child enjoys. Reading is not just about looking at books; early reading skills develop from recognising familiar logos and signs in the environment. Spotting these when you are out and about with your child helps to develop their reading skills in a fun way!

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Maths

In maths, we will be continuing to practise recognising and ordering numbers to 15 and securing their understanding of this in depth, as we continue to promote our mastery curriculum. We will be developing the children's vocabulary relating to addition and subtraction, and investigating ways of finding one more/ one less. We will be exploring 3D shapes in more detail and encouraging children to use language that describes their properties. We will also focus on using vocabulary related to time. This term's homework grid will have ideas on to support the learning of these topics.

Understanding the World/Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be learning lots of fascinating facts about space as we become engrossed in our theme Wherever Next? This will include comparing a fictional space adventure to Tim Peake's space journey, taking a look at planets, building rockets, making moon rocks, creating our own super powers and designing our own super hero underpants!

ILD

The ILD is proving to be very popular with many families. Please continue to contribute any learning from home here, as it forms a valuable part of your child's learning journey. If you have not yet signed up we encourage you to do so as soon as possible so that you can share your child's learning.

Key Dates: - see dates sheet

Overview of themes for the year

Summer 1 – Alive & Kicking

Summer 2 – Seasides, pirates and mermaids!

During the Summer Term we will be visiting Hamerton Zoo to enrich our learning about animals. This trip will be kindly subsidised by the RWSA and so the approximate cost should be around £5 per child. We will advise of exact costs nearer the time.

Thank you for your continued support. We are all looking forward to another great term!

Mrs Frost

Miss Loasby

Reception Phase Leader Reception Teacher