



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another term has passed us by and the children are now halfway through their first year at school! They have gained so much enjoyment from their theme and learning about dinosaurs, as well as progressing with their English and Maths skills too!

### **Overview of Reception themes for the rest of the year & approximate costs**

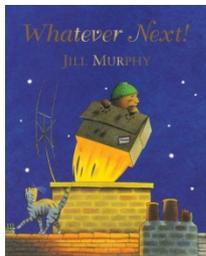
Spring 2 **Wherever Next!** – We are planning on having lots of fun this term, starting off with a space-based theme and ending up with some fantastic learning about Superheroes – we will even be making our own Superhero pants!



Sum 1 **Fun on the Farm**– We are really excited about this term as we embark on lots of learning about nature, animals and lifecycles. We plan to take the children on a trip to the Zoo. This will cost approximately £18.

Sum 2 **Seasides, Pirates and Mermaids** – Finally, as we approach our final term, we are planning on creating lots of fun adventures in school and building our own little seaside that we can have lots of fun at!

### **Communication and Language**



We will be giving the children lots of opportunities to explore language through Talk for Writing. This includes lots of role play and re-enacting a variety of stories, especially our feature story - Whatever Next? 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 to develop their reading and writing skills further. The children enjoy these sessions as it focuses on developing their reading skills in such a positive way. Regular practise of blending both in and out of school is essential to help your child progress. 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

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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!

### **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!



### **Interactive Learning Diary**

The ILD is a great way to share both learning from home and school. 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 please speak to your child's class teacher as we encourage you to do so as soon as possible so that you can share your child's learning.

### **Key Dates: - Please see attached sheet**

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

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