

Spring 1 Overview Theme Space

We will be learning about Our planet Earth, the moon, the sun, the planets in our solar system, space travel, astronauts, the International Space Station.

Communication and Language

We will build up vocabulary that reflects knowledge and experience
e.g., children can talk about space, what they know about it, what an astronaut does, how we know about space

Children will use different tenses to discuss things that are happening now and things that happened in the past, and things that happened a very long time ago.

They will ask relevant questions to find out more information e.g. when sharing a non-fiction text children can say 'I wonder why...'

We will learn to share opinions, explaining preferences e.g. My favourite planet is.. because...

Literacy

We will look at a variety of Fiction & Non-fiction texts about space.

Children will be encouraged to write words or phrases in different writing contexts, e.g. in free flow or in a structured lesson. We will learn to write lists.

Reading words through sound blending as part of Read Write Inc program.

Focus on letter formation in line with the handwriting policy



Mathematics – Ark Maths Mastery

We will learn how to count up to ten objects. Represent, order and explore numbers to ten.

Know one more or fewer, one greater or less than.

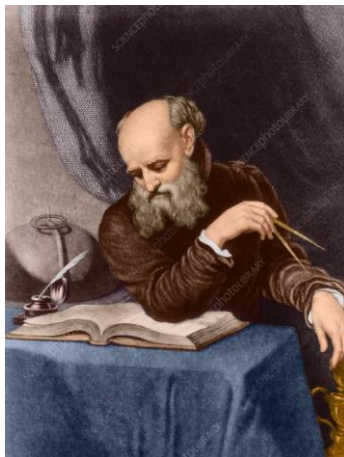
We will learn the days of the week and seasons.

Children will sequence daily events.

Explore addition as counting on and subtraction as taking away.

We will learn to count and share in equal groups and group into five and tens.

Understanding the world.



We will find out about people who looked at the stars eg Galileo.

Traditional stories to explain the stars e.g. The hunting of the Great Bear

What scientists and astronomers know about our Solar System now; our sun, the planets in our solar system.

Children will learn about the Moon landings and Neil Armstrong, including The International Space Station; when and why it was built and launched.

We will study our planet Earth looking at land and sea, plants and animals, weather, gravity.

The moon, the sun, the planets in our solar system, space travel, astronauts.

Children will find out about the first signs of spring; snowdrops, cherry blossom, buds and flowers, birds nesting, bees, lighter evenings.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

Our theme will be 'Dreams and goals' where children learn about how to show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

Physical Development.

A focus on invasion games, throwing and catching.

Balance- standing on one leg, walking along a bench, climbing.

Children will practise fine motor skills using small tools; cutlery, tweezers, pipettes, scissors

Expressive Arts and Design

We will focus on drawing and painting, exploring line and taking a line for a walk.

We will create splatter paintings like Jackson Pollock.

Children will share and perform the learning that has taken place, listening and responding to different styles of music.

In music we will learn to sing or sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs and improvising leading to playing classroom instruments.

