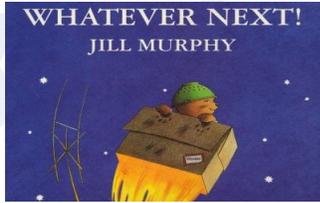
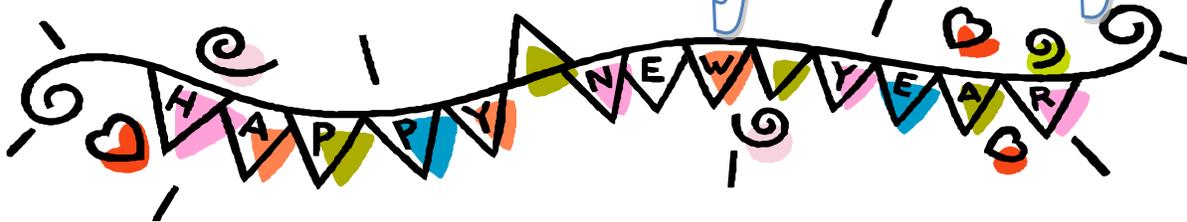


Reception



To infinity and beyond!



We hope you have enjoyed your Christmas holidays as much as we have. We have heard all about the wonderful things Santa brought the children, and it has been lovely to share that magic.

The children seem so grown up after two weeks away, and we can see they are raring to go in 2019!

Drop Everything And Read

Now that the children are becoming such fantastic readers, we are giving them the chance every Friday to drop everything and read whatever they like. If your child would like to bring in a book from home they are more than welcome. We are really trying to encourage reading for pleasure.



Homework

We hope we have struck the right balance for you and the children with the homework we send, and we thank you for always getting involved.

We always appreciate feedback about the things we send home, or any ways you think things could be improved. Please let us know your thoughts.

Thanks!



Winter weather!

We give the children access to outdoor learning and play every day, except in extreme weather. Please make sure they are wrapped up warm every day and that all items of clothing are named!



Our topic this half term is 'To infinity and beyond' with a focus on the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy.



Here are some activity ideas to enjoy at home which will support their learning. We hope this is useful, but please come to see us if you would like any more information.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Share traditional tales and read other favourite story books together.

Act out stories you love. You could make masks with paper plates or puppets using cereal boxes and use them to tell the story.

Practise name writing. You can write on paper, on the inside of cereal boxes or on forms or leaflets that come through the door.

Visit the local library. See if you can find books about animals or vehicles.

Tell each other stories without the book. Who has the best voice?

Who's characters did you like?

Physical development

It might be chilly, but you could warm up with a trip to the park or by walking through the crunchy leaves in your wellies.

Draw winter pictures using 'froggy fingers' to hold your pencil and pens.

Pretend to be an alien— how would you move?

What about if you were a n astronaut in a heavy space suit?

Talk about which foods are healthy and which should be enjoyed as a treat.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

Talk about how members of your family are different in looks and character. Celebrate and enjoy your differences.

Play turn taking games e.g. snap, I spy... or maybe Santa brought you a new game to enjoy together!

Talk about the emotions of the characters in the stories which you read together. How do they feel at different points in the story?

Maths

Count objects around your home or when you are out about e.g. count the red cars on the way to Stanley.

Be maths detectives and spot numbers all around you. Maybe on doors, cars, birthday cards etc.

Play shops using 1p coins. Add up how much 2 things would cost altogether. We have been working with numbers up to 20!

The planets are a great starting point for talking about and comparing sizes. Who could be the smallest, medium sized and largest planet in your house? Encourage your child to put things around the house in order of size

Understanding the world

Go on a journey! Catch a bus or a train. What will happen on the way? What will you see out of the windows? What will happen when you get to your destination?

Play with objects in the bath and find out what floats and what sinks. Why do you think they float or sink? Try to decide if something will float or sink before you put it in. Were you right?

Find England/Stanley on globes and maps. If you could go anywhere in the world where would it be?

Expressive arts and design

Make pictures of your favourite place. Use crayons, pens, pencils and maybe paint and gluing on milk carton tops, sweet wrappers or pictures cut from magazines.

Make your own rockets or telescopes out of junk materials. Which containers will you need to make the different parts? What shape is it? How will you decorate it?

Add sound effects to the stories that you tell/read.