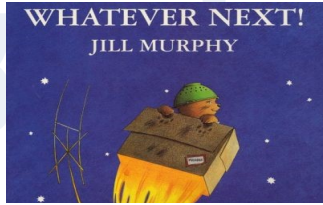
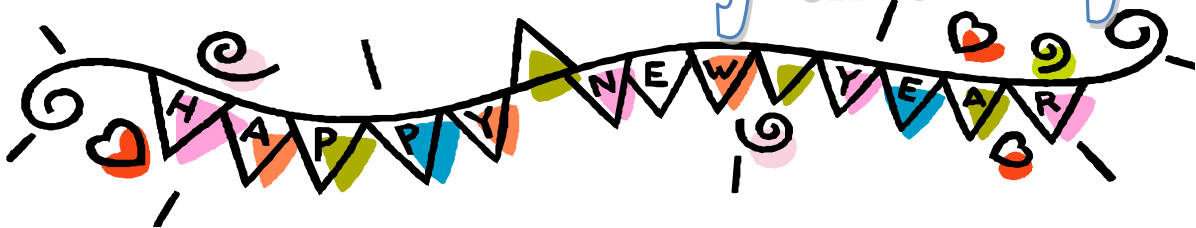


Reception



To infinity and beyond!



Happy New Year and we hope you have enjoyed your Christmas holidays! We have enjoyed hearing all about what the children enjoyed during the holidays and seeing their smiling faces as they returned to school.

We are so excited to see what the children will achieve in 2020!

Wow stars

We have loved receiving your wow stars from home and sharing your children's achievements with their friends. Remember you can write anything you like, however great or small—it may be that your child has tried a new food, helped out with household jobs or been learning a new hobby. Please let us know if you need any more stars!



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 as much as possible. 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 and the non-fiction book 'On The Moon'.

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

Ask your child about the many space themed books we have been reading at school and see if they can retell any of them.

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

Visit the local library. See if you can find any books about space.

Tell each other stories without the book. Can you retell it in your own words?

We are beginning to write simple sentences in school—can you write a sentence together about what you like doing at home?

Physical development

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 on the moon?

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 and 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 practising at snack time!

Compare groups of objects around your house—perhaps at tea time talk about who has the most peas or if you have more beans or potatoes. We will be comparing groups of objects to 20.

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? We will be writing about journeys we have been on and an imaginary journey to the moon!

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 places or even planet earth! What can you find at home that is blue or green?

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.