

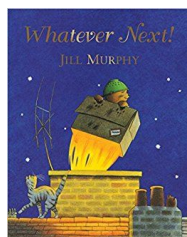
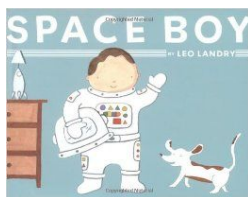
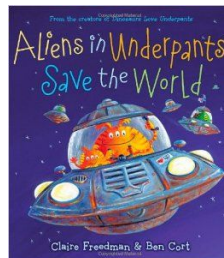
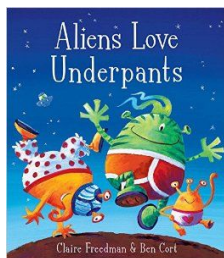
Year R Curriculum Bulletin

Spring 1 : Space Adventures



Topic

This half term we do lots of work based on some exciting books that we read as a class:



- We decide which materials make good underpants by thinking about textures and patterns.
- We create straw 'blown' aliens.
- We write thank you letters to the aliens for saving our planet.
- We write postcards from space to describe what we can see.
- We focus a lot on the retelling of stories this half term and do so in different ways such as creating story maps, using puppets, sequencing pictures and acting them out.



- We create marble universes.
- Our role play area is left for the children to create their own space scenery.

[We had a lot of fun last year!](#)



Maths

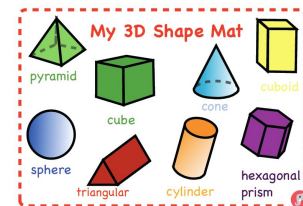
We start to create surveys to find out the most and least popular rockets in the class with a focus on counting correctly and representing them with the right number. We will begin to move on to secure our knowledge of numbers 11-20.

We continue to practise our counting by selecting amounts from a bigger set. We also estimate how many we think is in a set and check our answers by counting.

We learn the names of common 3D shapes (cube, cuboid, cone, cylinder, sphere) and begin to describe some of their properties (corners, edges and faces). It is always good to revise 2D shapes so [here is a good simple matching game to remember their names.](#)

We start talking about times of the day and when things happen and learn how to tell the time to the o'clock.

We start finding half of amounts and shapes.



Reading and Phonics

The children have now learned all of the initial sounds and have begun using these to read and write words and sentences. We will consolidate our learning of these and will move on to learn digraphs and trigraphs which are sounds that contain more than one letter eg. ee, oo, ch, sh, th, igh.



Spring 1 : Chinese New Year

CHINESE NEW YEAR



Topic and Reading

[Chinese New Year falls on Friday 5th February this year](#), so we will have one week of learning about the story behind this celebration and its traditions before half term. We will look down on China from the perspective of aliens to help us learn more about the country and pretend we have visited to write postcards from our travels.



Maths

We focus on pattern and make special jewellery to wear during our celebrations in China.



We have booked in dates for our next workshares, so please put these in your diaries:

Beech Stay and Play: 2.15pm- 2.45pm Monday 1st April

Oak Stay and Play: 2.15pm- 2.45pm Wednesday 3rd April

Parents please come to the Year R doors.

This 'Stay and Play' will have a reading focus, so will have a range of activities for you to join in with that focus on the phonics and reading skills we teach in school.



