



November 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Foundation 1 (Nursery)
Autumn 2 Curriculum

This half term our theme is ***"Off to the Moon"***.

Here is a brief outline of the activities we will be covering around the seven areas of learning:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will continue to promote independence, by encouraging the children to continue with the routines we have learnt in Autumn 1. We will be having weekly circle time sessions to build friendships and find out about each other.

Communication, Language and Literacy:

Our core story this half term is ***"Whatever Next"***. We will also enjoy the following stories related to our theme: ***"Q Pootle 5"*** and ***"Aliens Love Underpants"***. As we approach Christmas we will also enjoy stories about the festive season. This half term we will develop vocabulary related to colours, light and dark and the moon. To help develop fine and gross motor skills in readiness for writing, we will be doing lots of pencil control sheets; children will be encouraged to make marks in all provision areas and talk about them. You could help your child at home by:

- Encouraging your child to recognise their name and copy/write some or all the letters of their name.
- Practice nursery rhymes and songs
- Have lots of bedtime stories
- Ask your children to re-tell you the core story
- Look at books or on the internet together to learn more about space

Maths:

We will continue to concentrate on a different number and shape each week and we will continue to practice our counting skills. For example, we will count out aliens to match space themed numbers and use shapes to make alien pictures.

Understanding of the World:

We will be learning about light and dark. We may even have a trip to the moon! You could help your child at home by:

- Sharing your knowledge of space and the moon, look at the night sky and talk about how it looks different in the daytime.

Physical Development:

We will be developing our gross motor control when climbing, balancing and travelling. Children will be given lots of opportunities to engage in funky finger activities such as threading cards and pencil control sheets to develop their fine motor control.

Expressive art and design

We will also make a space rocket out of junk materials and design our every own alien. Every Tuesday we will attend drama sessions in the hall to explore the story '**Whatever Next**' in imaginative ways.

If there is anything you wish to discuss please don't hesitate to make an appointment via the office.

We will be holding some Christmas events which you can become involved in, more details to follow later.

PLEASE CAN YOU SAVE SOME EMPTY KITCHEN ROLLS AND OTHER JUNK MODELLING BOXES FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Tidswell and the Early Years Team