

# Foundation Stage 2 Curriculum overview for parents/carers

## Spring Term 2

### Literacy

- \*To continue to perfect writing their name (forename & surname) independently, with all letters correctly formed.
- \*Explore and talk about stories, characters, events and settings.
- \*Twice, daily phonic sessions, small group & whole class.
- \*Form all letters of the alphabet correctly.
- \*Read and write simple sentences.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

#### All about me, my relationships & new beginnings

- \* Explore what resilience is and how to become more resilient.
- \* Explore how to perseverance in the face of a challenge.
- \* Consider how to be more independent and manage their own needs.
- \* Begin to learn skills to negotiate in order to resolve conflicts.

### Mathematics

- \*Recognise numerals to 20+
- \*Recite numbers to 0-20 forwards and back.
- \*Explore the composition of numbers including number bonds to 10.
- \*Begin to use simple subtraction to solve problems.
- \*Explore capacity, weight, length and height using appropriate language

### Physical Development

- \*Learn how to move on large apparatus and consider how this must be done safely.
- \* Develop ball skills and begin to play as a team.
- \*Continue to develop fine motor skills and pencil control.
- \*Use a range of tools (hammer, saw, screwdriver etc...) safely.
- \*Explore how to keep healthy.

## Astronomical Astronauts

This title will provide the stimulus for your child's integrated Foundation Stage Curriculum this term. They will be able to play and explore, take part in active learning, create and think critically.

### Expressive Arts & Design

- \*Design and create junk model/3D shape rockets.
- \*Explore different textures.
- \*Explore alternative music choices (orchestral)
- \*Make musical instruments to create and perform space music.
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- \*Compare space art by various artists
- \* Create space and Spring themed artwork

### Communication and Language

- \*Develop conversation skills.
- \*Listen to questions asked and respond appropriately
- \*Develop vocabulary and be a 'Word Collector'.
- \*Explore stories & be exposed to new words and vocabulary.
- \*Create own stories using familiar objects.
- \*Share own experiences and answer the questions asked by others.

### Understanding the World

- \*Explore space and the features of different planets in our solar system.
- \*Explore how astronauts survive in space.
- \*Investigate forces including gravity, floating and sinking, magnets and electricity.
- \*Explore how the seasons change from Winter to Spring

## Learning to share at home

**\*Below are a number of activities that both you and your child could enjoy together allowing them to consolidate their learning by enforcing links between the classroom and the outside world.**

- Ask your child what they know about the different planets in the solar system, share your knowledge with them and learn new facts together.
- Watch videos about space with your child. They are lots of planet songs on YouTube you can watch together.
- Whilst out shopping, encourage your child to spot as many letter sounds as they can on logos and packaging. How many can they read?
- Explore the all the different ways to make 10. You could use buttons, pennies, pasta, fingers etc.
- Allow your child to use their measuring skills to compare the weight/height/length of different household objects.
- Talk about your plans for the day with your child using time related words such as soon, later, before, after, next, last, first etc. Encourage your child to use the language too.

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## HOME LEARNING SPRING TERM FOCUS - Supporting your child's love of reading

- \*Read to your child everyday.
- \*Let your child "read" a familiar story to you using their own words and knowledge of the story.
- \*Talk to your child about the characters and events within a story.
- \*Use props for you and your child to re-tell stories. You could make your own props by junk modelling.
- \*Generate a list of your favourite stories and books you like to share together.
- \*Listen to stories read by other people such as on Cbeebies Bedtime Stories or YouTube.
- \*Ask your child about their class' author of the month.

### Dates for your diary

- \*Week beginning to be confirmed: Parents evening
- \*Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: World Book Day
- \*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Red Nose Day



### Keep a lookout for...

**Weekly words &  
Pop writing challenges**

## **A LIST OF USEFUL WEBSITES FOR YOU TO USE AT HOME**

### **Communication & Language/Literacy**

[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html) -Lots of simple sound recognition and cvc blending games.

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ParentsMenu.htm> - Interactive phonics games – Phase 2

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/0-reading-starts-with/index.html> - a nice initial sound game to introduce capital letters

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/bedtime-stories> - Bedtime stories read by a host of famous faces

### **Maths**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/teletubbies/games/teletubbies-shapegame/> - 2D shape game

[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/shape\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/shape_games.html) - shape games

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/online/reflection.swf> - Pattern activity

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/interactive/subtraction.htm> - Subtraction activities.

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/0-feed-fribbit-subtraction/index.html> - Reinforce number sentences and the use of – and = symbols

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/0-feed-fribbit-addition/index.html> - Reinforce number sentences and the use of + and = symbols

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/0-bricksbreaking/index.html> - Problem-solving game

### **General**

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37> – A wide selection of activities for all areas of the curriculum.

<http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk/kentict/content/games/> - A wide selection of educational games suitable for foundation stage.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html> - A wide selection of educational games suitable for foundation stage.

[http://www.learn4good.com/games/kids/quibifind\\_picture\\_matching.htm](http://www.learn4good.com/games/kids/quibifind_picture_matching.htm) - This is another good game to help develop children's memory skills.

<http://www.queensmead.net/> - The school official website.

### **Space**

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html> -a fun interactive website to explore all things to do with space.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WApvQ8yp5WE> – a small selection of the fun space songs available on line.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkvv4wx/resources/2?scrlybrkr=6db5d888> -short videos about space and the effects of changing seasons.