



Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

Foundation Spring Term I Curriculum Newsletter

This half term our learning journey will explore: **To infinity and beyond**

Our Big Question is: **What is out there?**

Our Destination will be: **To orally retell a space story as an Astronaut**

What we will be learning: The children will be explorers learning about Space and be able to name some of the things you might find. We will be naming and creating the planets of the solar system. The children will be using our creative skills to design and make our own rockets. We will also use our senses to explore and taste astronaut food!

Trips and Rich Experiences: We will be taking a virtual tour of NASA and watch a rocket launch, zooming into space. The children will also be celebrating Chinese New Year through a variety of activities.

Key Dates:

We will be having a 'wow' day on Wednesday 7th February and invite the children to dress up as aliens or astronauts! We will have lots of exciting activities including tasting real astronaut food!

How can you support your child at home? Please support your child to;

- Practise getting dressed and undressed independently (for PE sessions)
- Writing their name and numbers 1-10
- Practise listening skills, play games and taking turns sharing toys
- Share and retell stories
- Know when to ask an adult for help if they are unsure or worried
- Practise fine motor skills, using playdough, tweezers and fastening buttons

Things to do	Things to read	Things to watch
<p>Rocket on a string - Make a simple card-board tube rocket with a deflated balloon taped to it, thread a string through the tube and ask two people to hold either end. Then ask an adult to blow up the balloon and release it. How far will your rocket travelled?</p> <p>Develop and teach your family your own alien language - what word could you use for 'hello'? How about 'blooba', 'floppa' or 'cookaboo'? You choose - it's your alien language!</p> <p>10 little aliens went flying one night until 6 flew away - how many are left? You could draw a picture or use your fingers to help you work out the answer!</p> <p>Go outside when it is dark, or look out of the window and talk about what you can see. Can you count the stars? Can you find the moon? Does the sky change from one night to the next</p> <p>Please remember you can upload any photos of your child's home learning on Tapestry!</p>	<p>'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy</p> <p>'Bringing down the moon' by Jonathan Emmett</p> <p>'Goodnight Spaceman' by Michelle Robinson</p> <p>'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey</p>	<p>Enjoy joining in counting with the Numberblocks</p> <p>BBC iPlayer - Numberblocks</p> <p>Maddie, Space and You!</p> <p>BBC iPlayer - Maddie, Space and You - Series 1: 5. Astronaut Training!</p> <p>Go Jetters!</p> <p>BBC iPlayer - Go Jetters - Series 2: 9. Settle Space Needle, USA</p> <p>Alphablocks SPACE</p> <p>BBC iPlayer - Alphablocks - Series 1: 14. Space</p>

Reminders

- **Tapestry– We will continue to aim to put 1-2 observations a week on for you to view. Please upload any wow moments from home for us to celebrate!**
- Please make sure you bring a coat to school everyday as we will be outside whatever the weather!
- You can bring a pair of named welly boots to school to splash in the puddles!
- Please label all your belongings
- Please bring a spare change of clothes including pants to school everyday
- Our PE day will continue to be on Thursdays
- Each Friday the children will continue to have home learning focusing on the Read Write Inc sounds we have learnt that week. We may also send home fun topic activities to explore at home and a book to share

If you have any questions or concerns please ask, Many thanks Mrs Gray