

### Our Literacy Learning

We are focusing on the story 'Whatever Next?'. We will be using the text to plan purposeful and exciting literacy lessons, including: writing lists of what we would take to space, using talk to decide what else the box could be other than a rocket, learning what a question is and recognising a question mark, making predictions, sequencing the story, Whatever Next team quiz!, creating their own picnic for the moon and labelling it, and much more!

We will also be looking at 'Stickman', this story has a lovely link to Christmas time, we will be exploring the text and creating our very own stickmen to use during our literacy lessons. The children will be using their phonic knowledge to create 'MISSING' posters for Stickman. We will be making predictions, writing lists. The children will get the chance to act out different scenes from the story which is always lots of fun!

### Our Phonics Learning

In phonics we will be learning the sounds:

ff ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk

- words with -s /s/ added at the end (hats sits)
- words ending in s /z/ (his) and with -s /z/ added at the end (bags, sings)

#### New tricky words

as, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, be



### You could help your child with their Literacy learning by:

- Sharing books
- Blending sounds into words e.g., can you get your h-a-t? Can you touch your h-e-a-d?
- Practice the sounds in the homework books
- Writing their name

#### Websites:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/> Nursery Rhymes and Songs - BBC Teach

## Reception Newsletter

Autumn

**Blast off!**  
**All about Space**  
**Christmas Celebrations**




This theme focuses on all things space! We will be reading the story 'Whatever Next' about a little bear who makes a rocket and flies off into space. We will be learning the name of some planets and finding out what it is like to be an astronaut in space. Our home corner will be transformed into a space station and the children will create their own space helmets and suits! We will be having our very own picnic on the moon, and everybody will get the opportunity to create some fabulous writing relating to the story. We will look at our own big box like Baby Bears and decide what we could transform it into!

We will start to learn all about Christmas and why we celebrate it, this will lead onto us learning our very own nativity play to perform for our families!

### Other news & updates about our class:

PE will take place on Wednesday mornings, please send your child into school in their PE kits every Wednesday.

 Book bags must be brought each day, reading books will be changed every Friday.

Homework sheets do not yet require any writing from your child, please just practice the sounds and words on the sheet and tick when this has been done.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Hall.

### Our Maths learning

In Maths we are looking at 'parts' and 'whole'. Understanding that a whole can be split into different parts but can then be put back together to make a whole. We will be looking at capacity, and also identifying smaller numbers 'hiding' in bigger numbers. The children will understand cardinality and will be finding different ways to represent numbers on their fingers.

### You could help your child with their Maths learning by:

- Singing counting songs that focus on counting forwards and encourage the children to join in with the actions '1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive'; 'Two Little Dicky Birds Sitting on a Wall'.
- Comment on grouping of objects "I can see 2 and 1 which makes 3"
- Speedy fingers – "show me 3" "show me 5" asking the children to show the amount on their fingers.
- Subitising games – flash up to 5 objects under a blanket – can your child quickly spot how many without counting?

In RE we are learning about Diwali, we will also be looking at why Christians celebrate Christmas and exploring the Nativity story. We will be learning some new Christmas songs and will be practicing our Nativity performance.

**Have you seen us on X (Twitter)? We regularly post updates of the children busy at work and play. Please follow us and see what your children have been up to at school!**