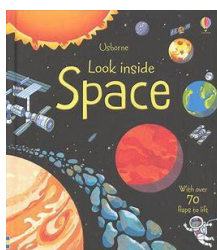
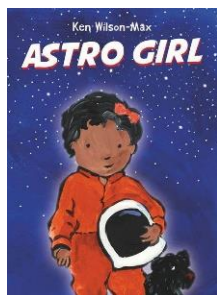


Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Reception

Summer 2



In Reception, our reading canon books are Astro Girl and the non-fiction text, Usborne's Book on Space.

This half-term our enquiry question is 'I wonder what's beyond our planet?' Both of these books allow us to explore the solar system and will be used to inspire our learning across all curriculum subjects.

Find out more details below!

In **English**, we will be using facts we learn about space to write our own non-fiction books. We will also learn to write letters as we walk to the post box in order to send letters to NASA to tell them all about the asteroid that crash landed on our school field!

In **Mathematics** this half-term, we will be learning about measure, including height, length and weight. We will also deepen our understanding of number as we learn about the concept of odd and even numbers.

In our topic-driven afternoons we will be:

History

We will be learning about a significant individual in space history, Mae Jemison. We will explore her journey to becoming an astronaut which will hopefully inspire us to achieve our own dreams.

Geography

In Geography, we will find out about our solar system; learning to name the planets, some of their key properties and create maps using what we have learnt.

Science

In Science, we will observe seasonal changes in the local environment. We will also learn about light. We will investigate how to make shadows and explore how these shadows change throughout the day.

Art & Design

In Art, we will be looking at the work of artist Chesley Bonestell and we will use his work to inspire our own images of planets. We will learn to use chalk and blending techniques to create the effects of the planets. In DT, we will create shadow puppets and use different materials to create a vehicle that moves.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will learn about sun safety as we hope for the warmer weather and we will find out how to stay safe around water as we visit the beach. As part of Pride Month, we will also discuss relationships that are special to us and reflect upon what 'love' means to us.

Music

In Music, we will listen to classical music and think about the way instruments can be used to create different moods.

RE

In RE, we will learn about the importance of equality and how this works within our classroom and school environment.

PE

Our lessons this half-term will focus around 'Athletics'. We will practice key skills needed to complete the different activities we will complete on Sports Day and learn about how to show good sportsmanship by supporting our peers.

You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Reading me a story at bedtime and talking to me about it.
- ✓ Helping me practise my sounds/blending/reading each night.

Homework:

Your child is expected to read at home daily for 10 minutes. Your child will be given reading material suitable for their current stage.

Please write a comment in your child's Reading Record and return these on Mondays and Fridays so new reading material can be provided.