



### Reading

There is strong research evidence showing the positive difference it makes when parents and family members get involved in encouraging reading. Reading is the key to success in all other areas of the curriculum and has been shown to have the greatest impact on children's future achievement. Here are some of the books we'll be reading in school this term:



Children will continue to bring home a number of different books each week:

- Read Write Inc books (phonetically decodable and either the book they're currently reading in class or a previous text to re-read for fluency)
- Read Write Inc Book Bag books
- A book from our Brilliant Story Box of favourites
- A book of their choice from the Choughs Class Library to help nurture a love of reading.

Please help by reading with/to your child daily. Thank you.

### Home learning

This half term, your home learning challenge is to create a representation of the solar system. This could be a hanging mobile, a papier-mâché creation, an array of beautifully-iced, spherical cupcakes or a digital presentation.

## EYFS Curriculum Overview Autumn 2023

### Space: Could humans live in space?

The Reception topic this term is based upon the question above. The framework that the children follow in the Foundation Stage is outlined under 7 different areas of learning and is very creative. A large majority of the learning takes place through play and child-initiated activities; therefore the activities may change throughout the week accordingly. We follow a responsive curriculum which may alter throughout the term according to their thoughts and ideas. To encourage the children to take ownership of their learning, the topic will evolve to include their ideas. Depending upon individual children's passions and what they would like to learn, the topic could include anything from building a miniature alien world to singing nursery rhymes about stars.

## Communication and Language

- Role play
- Listening and responding to a range of books including fiction and non-fiction texts
- Asking and answering questions
- Learning new vocabulary linked to Space
- Word-time
- Spanish



## Physical Development

- Developing pencil grip (fine motor)
- Fine/gross motor skills
- Static balance:
  - One leg standing
  - Seated
- Dynamic balance to agility
- Coordination (floor movement patterns)
- Capoeira

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Being me in my World
  - Who... me?!
  - How am I feeling today?
  - Being at school
  - Gentle hands
  - Our rights
  - Our responsibilities
- Celebrating difference
  - What am I good at?
  - I'm special. I'm me!
  - Families
  - Homes
  - Making friends
  - Standing up for yourself

## Literacy

- Poetry (Firework Night by Andrew Collett).
- Sci Fi narrative (The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers)
- Change narrative (The Comet by Joe Todd Stanton)
- Recount (Neil Armstrong)
- Read Write Inc phonics

## Mathematics

- Match, sort and compare
- Talk about measure and patterns
- It's me, 1, 2, 3
- Circles and triangles
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- Shapes with four sides

## Understanding of the World

- Seasonal changes during Autumn and Winter
- Living things and their habitats
- Animals including humans
- Everyday materials
- History of space travel
- Neil Armstrong
- The Earth from space: continents and oceans



## Expressive Arts and Design

- Van Gogh's Starry Night
- Christmas cards
- Rocket junk modelling
- Space silhouettes
- Designing and building space robots with a mechanism
- Alien tea party cooking
- Singing with John Brolly
- Classroom chants and rhymes
- Sound in space
- Nursery Rhyme Week

