

Spring Term 4 February– April



English:

Please encourage your child to;

- To form all letters carefully and correctly, tall letters tall and small letters small and to form capital letters. Write all the phonemes they can hear in their writing and begin to write extended sentences, with finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.
- To read their reading books, play the treasure trash game with the phonemes and to practise the spellings sent home each week. Spelling tests are once a week and really help your child to spell their words in their independent writing.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R087IYrRpgY>
- Thanks for your continued support with this.
- To begin to use the terms verbs, nouns, conjunctions and word, sentence and capital letter when talking about their writing.
- To talk clearly in full sentences and learn and understand the meanings of the words linked to our topic that are on your weekly spelling sheet. Encourage your child to say them in a sentence.
- Go to this link to see how we produce these sounds:
<https://www.cotmanhayinfants.co.uk/phonics/>

Our Topics

Our topic this time is all about **Space**. You will probably be hearing all about the adventures of Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong. We will be using Tim Peake to inspire the children with their writing and reading as well as encourage problem solving. We will be making space stations, decoding and debugging like an astronaut and investigating survival of a plant without oxygen.

We will look at an image of the UK from space and name the 4 countries in the UK.



Key Vocabulary: Please encourage your child to learn, understand and use these terms and words. 'Whisper the word, say the word, act the word and say it in a sentence'

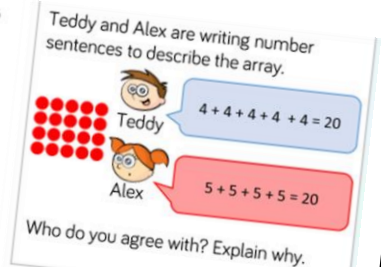
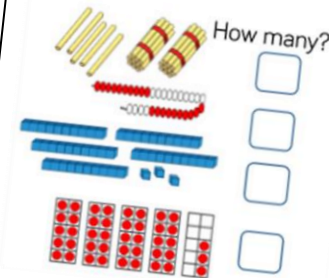
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space, travel, moon, continent, ocean, spaceship, dehydrated, oxygen, gravity, space station, compound noun, suffix, comma, commutative, array, multiply, digit, inequality symbol < > =



Maths targets Please encourage your child to:

- *Count to 50 forwards and backwards, beginning with 0 or 1, or from any number.
- *Count, read and write numbers to 50, in numerals.
- *To understand numbers as tens and ones using concrete apparatus and pictures.
- * Identify and represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations, including the number line, and use the language of equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most.
- *Count in multiples of twos, fives and tens.
- *Solve one step problems involving multiplication by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher.





Dates for your Diaries

Special events, visits, visitors:

- 27th February Traci Good online safety workshops throughout school.
- 3rd March Woodpeckers parents open am linked to World Book Day
- 4th March Whales parents open morning linked to World Book Day
- 5th March Wallabies parents open morning
- 5th March world book day
- 13th March Sports relief
- 17th March parents evening
- 18th March parents evening
- 30th March parents phonics screen talk
- 2nd April Easter Eggstravaganza

Some lovely enrichment activities we will be doing this term:

- Firefighters into classes each week
- Online safety workshops in classes
- Tasting space food
- Astronaut fitness tests-co-ordination, balance, stamina.



. How can you help your child:

Please encourage your child to;
 * Please encourage your child to talk about similarities and differences in the environment.

Looking at a people-how are they similar to another person?
 How are you different to someone else? Freckles, curly hair etc.

* Please hear your child read every day, it doesn't have to be their school reading book. You could encourage your child to find tricky words in their bedtime story book or help you read a small word like c-a-t.

* Please encourage your child to practise their spellings every day.

* Please encourage your child to ask you questions and explain why things happen.

*** Please encourage your child to get dressed on their own.**

* Please help your child learn to zip up their coat up on their own.

* Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school.



General Reminders

- *Please remember to name all of your child's belongings including their jumpers, cardigans, coats and hats.
- *Please be aware that outdoor play is a very important part of the curriculum, and we aim to go outside every day. Please ensure your child has a warm coat every day and hats, gloves and scarves if required.
- * Please remember to bring your child's book bag everyday. Please practice their words and phonemes written on their cards and practice their spellings.