

EYFS AUTUMN 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Find out all about our Autumn 2 Topic – Lost in Space



Welcome back Reception Class! We hope you had a lovely break! We are looking forward to an exciting half term with lots of learning opportunities linked to our topic 'Lost in Space'.

Term Dates: Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December.
Email Mrs Downey on: reception1@st-veronicas.lancs.sch.uk for any further information.

Don't forget: Please continue to work on letter and number formation as well as name writing with your child at home. Please read with your child as much as possible and don't forget to sign the reading diary and complete 1 topic homework activity a week.

Please ensure your child brings a named hat and gloves to school each day during winter.

PE this term will take place on Friday. Please remember to remove all jewellery, tie back long hair and please can children wear socks rather than tights.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This half term the children will learn lots of new vocabulary linked to the topic. The children will be encouraged to use this vocabulary in their play. We will be taking part in activities such as describing aliens and playing 'I Spy' with initial letter sounds. The children will also be learning songs and lines for the Reception Nativity.

The children will be encouraged to share their ideas, ask questions and respond to what others say. Children will be supported to take turns and put their hand up.

Please continue to send in your children's 'star moments' so that they can share their achievements outside of school with the class.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The school follows the Coram Life Education scheme.

Our topic this half term is: Valuing Difference.

The children will learn about similarities and differences between each other, our families and our homes. We will also be talking about how we care for others and how we can be good friends.

We will be looking at how we can keep safe on Bonfire night, fire procedures and how to use 999. We will also be discussing the importance of bedtime and getting enough sleep and looking after our bodies.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

In P.E this half term, the children will focus on using space and travelling in different ways. The children will be throwing for distance and performing a variety of gymnastic rolls.

In other areas of physical development, we will be working on developing our gross motor skills by riding bikes and playing with balls, bats and hoops in continuous provision. We will work on developing our fine motor skills with activities such as weaving, threading, cutting and jigsaws. We will also continue to practice getting dressed and undressed independently when we change for P.E.

RE

In our RE sessions, we will be learning about The Annunciation, Advent, the birth of Jesus, the shepherds visiting the manger, the traditions of the crib and how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

The children will hear Gospel readings during collective worship and discuss their meanings and morals.

LITERACY

The children will be exploring different texts this half term such as 'Whatever Next! and 'Aliens in Underpants'. We will continue to work on our name writing, write our own space facts, write a list of things to take to the moon, describe aliens and retell the Christmas story.

The children will continue to use their newly learned phonic knowledge to read simple CVC words and captions. They will be encouraged to write some letters accurately.

MATHS

The children will be learning to match numerals to quantities within 10 and write their numbers accurately. We will also be focusing on our counting skills and the five-ness of 5, we will be comparing different sets by matching. Then we will explore the concept of 'part' and 'whole' and the composition of numbers 3, 4 & 5.

The children will continue to explore 2D shapes & will be investigating capacity and ordering by size.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

The children will continue to keep up to date with current affairs by watching Newsround on Monday's. We will be learning about Winter and the seasons changing. We will be exploring space by learning space facts, discussing historical figures such as Mae Jemison and making alien food and alien gloop. The children will draw and label daytime and night time pictures. We will also explore changes of state by making popcorn. The children will discuss the history of toys and teddy bears while learning about the historical figure, Teddy Roosevelt.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

This half term we will be learning and performing our Nativity songs. We will be creating shape pictures of rockets, making our own 2D aliens and decorating promise stars. The children will also be exploring different Christmas crafts on the run up to the holidays.

The children will be using junk modelling to make rockets and jet packs as well as play-doh to make 3D aliens. We will also be designing and making our own planets.