

Medium Term Plan – Term 5 – Blast Off!

Personal, Social and Emotional development

This term, we will be exploring the themes of Space and Dinosaurs. Through activities such as going on 'space journeys' and becoming 'dinosaur explorers,' children will be encouraged to work together, share resources and build friendships. They will take part in group tasks like creating rocket models or discovering dinosaur worlds, helping them learn how to cooperate, listen to others and take turns. We will also use stories and imaginative play to talk about feelings—for example, thinking about how an astronaut might feel in space or how dinosaurs might care for one another—supporting children to recognise and express their own emotions. Throughout the term, we will encourage children to build confidence in trying new experiences and show resilience when things don't go as planned. We will continue developing their independence in preparation for Year 1.

Physical Development

In PE this term children will start swimming lessons. They will be taught how to undress and dress themselves independently and they will learn about how to be safe in the water. With support they will build up their confidence in the water, learn to use floats and blow bubbles. Children will be encouraged to build their strength, coordination and control through activities such as moving like astronauts in space and exploring different dinosaur movements. They will continue using the outdoor equipment and trim trail to develop skills such as balancing, jumping, running and changing direction safely, throwing and catching. They will continue to develop their fine motor control with daily 'Funky Fingers' as well as using different tools to dig for dinosaurs bones and making space rockets.

Communication and Language

As 'space explorers' and 'dinosaur experts,' children will be encouraged to use a wider range of vocabulary linked to our topics, such as names of planets, space equipment and different types of dinosaurs. Through storytelling, role play and group discussions, they will practise speaking in longer sentences, sharing their ideas, and explaining their thinking. Children will also develop their listening skills by following more detailed instructions during activities like space missions or dinosaur hunts, and by paying attention to stories and information texts. We will support them in asking and answering questions, engaging in back-and-forth conversations and using language to organise their play and collaborate with others.

Maths

This term children will deepen their knowledge of numbers to 10 and beyond, exploring number bonds, patterns, and relationships between numbers. Children will practise counting, comparing quantities, and finding one more and one less, while beginning to solve simple problems. Through games, discussions, and exploration, they will build confidence, fluency, and a strong foundation in early maths skills. Children will develop their understanding by measuring and combining shapes, exploring how different shapes fit together, while recognising, continuing, and creating simple patterns using a range of objects and materials.

Literacy

In phonics this term the children will continue practicing the sounds and tricky words they have already learned. They will learn a range of new sounds which we will post on your child's seesaw account.

The children will use their phonic knowledge to write words/ simple sentences to describe planets, rockets, and dinosaurs. Through storytelling and role play, children may create their own space adventures or dinosaur stories, as well as labelling pictures, writing captions, and beginning to use basic punctuation such as capital letters and full stops. The children will enjoy reading a range of books linked to our topic, for example Whatever Next, Aliens Love Underpants, Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs. We will also read a range of non-fiction texts linked to our topic and discuss the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts. They will also continue focusing on forming letters correctly.

Understanding of the World

In Term 5, children will develop their understanding of the world around them. They will learn about planets, stars, and astronauts, as well as discovering dinosaurs, fossils, and life long ago. Through hands-on activities, stories, and exploration, children will begin to understand similarities and differences between past and present and explore the natural world. This topic encourages curiosity, questioning, and a sense of wonder about both the past and beyond our planet.

Expressive Art and Design

Children will use different materials and techniques to create rockets, planets, and dinosaur models, as well as experimenting with colour, texture, and shape. Through music, movement, and role play, children will act out space missions and dinosaur adventures, developing their imagination and storytelling skills. This topic encourages creativity, self-expression, and confidence in exploring and sharing their ideas.