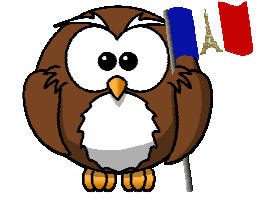


Active Acorns

Spring 2



Dear Parents,
Welcome back to the new half term.
We hope you have had a lovely break enjoying the superb weather, and that the children are eager to step into outer space for our *'Is there anyone out there?'* topic.
We have enjoyed our launch day with the children turning out in fantastic costumes again!



French

We will be

- exploring the vocabulary for fruits, the days of the week, colours and numbers.
- We will explore the story of The Hungry Caterpillar in French.

Literacy

We will be...

- Reading and writing stories and Poems with a space theme
- Reading Non-fiction books to find out information about planets and space
- SPAG – focussing on sentence structure and terminology, e.g. adjective, noun and verb

At home:

Enjoy some poems and stories about space
Keep reading your reading books – **Please comment or sign their reading record book when you have read with your child so it counts towards the reading challenge. Thanks**
Keep practising key words – reading and spelling and making sentences with them.

EYFS - Understanding the World

Y1 – Science, Geography, History, RE

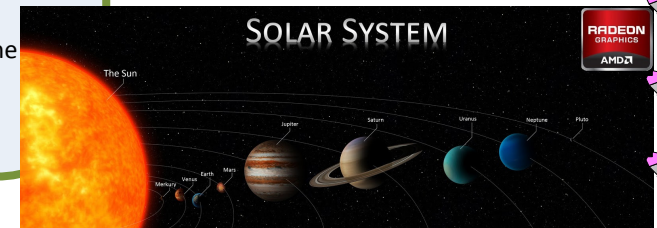
We will be...

- Planets - learning their names (Planet song)
Making paper mache planets
- Science investigation linked to exploring materials
- Healthy eating with Alan the alien
- Exploring Christian tradition of Lent and the Easter Story

At home:

Look out for any 'space' events in the media that you may be able to find out about.
Have a star gazing evening – there are lots of star mapping apps to help identify constellations and planets
Have a go at some of the 'Space' themed activities on the new homework sheet.
Talk about the reasons why we celebrate Easter.

We will be continuing with forest schools on Monday afternoons.
We have enough all in one suits for the children to wear over their uniform and coat but please ensure they have a hat gloves and boots



Physical

We will be...

- Learning dance routines from different cultures
- Ball and stick skills for hockey in PE
- House building in forest schools
- Continuing to work on our handwriting skills

At home:

Listen to and dance to music from around the world
Use small construction toys to help with fine motor skills
Practice correct letter formation



Maths

We will be continuing to ...

- learn and use number bonds - addition and subtraction within 20 and extend using patterns we recognise
 - Place value within 50+ for Rec and 100 for Y1's
 - Learning multiples of 2, 5 and 10.
 - Money - Learning the value of coins
 - Problem solving using the above
- Continuing to work on number formation

At home:

Notice and recognise numbers in the environment, particularly numbers beyond 20
Practice adding and taking away in real life
Practice counting objects in 2's and bigger quantities in 10's.
Encourage correct number formation
Use money in real life – shopping, counting money boxes etc.

A big Acorns welcome to Roxie Charrington-Wray who joined us in the Nursery this week



EYFS - Expressive Arts and Design Y1 Art Music and D & T

We will be...

- developing our vocal and performance skills learning songs about space and aliens.
- use percussion instruments to create effects to represent different alien friends
- Year 1 will learn the melody of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star on glockenspiels.
- moving to music to explore different styles of music used to represent space.
- composing a class piece to represent our own space story.
- Designing our own Aliens.
- Designing and making our role-play space station and rockets

At home:

Listen to classical space themed pieces of music.
Practise the songs we have learnt



Communication and language

We will be...

- Continue to develop our speaking and listening skill through 'show and tell' time
- Learning new vocabulary related to our topic
- Taking part in co-operative role-play and drama-communicating with aliens!

At home:

Take part in role play
Select interesting things that interest you to talk about at show and tell time