Communication and Language

We will:

- learn a variety of poems and rhymes
- learn and use new vocabulary relating to our 'Space' topic
- ask and answer questions
- listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop and deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary
- revisit learning and encourage children to make comments and ask questions
- contribute to discussions about what they have heard, seen or experienced and encourage children to ask questions of their peers and teachers
- express a point of view and to debate when they disagree, using words as well as actions.

Literacy

We will:

- learn and retell the stories of 'Whatever Next!' and 'How to Catch a Star'
- use our phonic knowledge to write words, labels, captions and sentences
- read and share books together making predictions, talking about characters and imagining different endings
- continue to learn our letter sounds, including digraphs recognising, saying and writing them
- blend and segment letters (including digraphs) in order to read and spell short words
- read some common exception words by sight
- point to letters and track left to right when reading
- read and re-read books using our phonic skills.

Please see the half-termly letter for important dates and ways to support your child with their learning at home.

If you would like to do a 'Space' project with your child, there are suggestions on the home learning letter. Feel free to follow your child's interest, we can't wait to see what you do!

Physical Development

.We will:

- · use tweezers and pipettes
- develop hand-eye coordination, e.g. using puzzles and small world activities
- use glue sticks and spreaders
- hold and use cutlery correctly
- develop fine and gross motor skills using a range of manipulatives, particularly during daily 'Funky Fingers' sessions
- demonstrate strength, balance and co-ordination, particularly during PE (Monday) and Forest School (Wednesday).

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Maths

We will:

- Describe and compare length
- look deeply at the numbers 9 & 10 writing the numbers and representing them using manipulatives
- sav one more than a number
- say one less than a number
- explore the composition of numbers to 10
- automatically recall number bonds up to 5
- explore number bonds to 10
- name and describe 3d shapes
- explore, continue and describe repeating patterns.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will:

- set and achieve our own goals
- play alongside others, extending and elaborating play ideas
- think about the perspectives of others
- understand how to eat healthily and why healthy eating is important
- explore different strategies for staying calm in the face of frustration
- reflect on and evaluate our work.

Our RE unit is: Easter.

Understanding the World

We will:

- find out about rockets and how they fly
- learn about astronauts and the International Space Station
- find out about Valentina Tereshkova and other astronauts
- name and describe other planets
- learn about stars.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will:

- plan, make and evaluate a rocket
- work on our cutting skills to make astronauts
- paint planets
- look at and talk about Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'
- plan, make and evaluate an alien or spaceship.

