

## Reception Class Spring 1 Term Newsletter

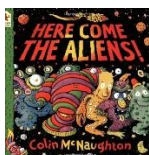
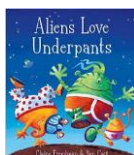
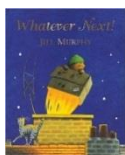
Welcome back to the Spring 1 term, this term we have an exciting new topic we are covering.



### Upcoming Events

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February Last day of Spring 1 term

## Topic: I wonder what's out there?



This term we will be exploring Space and Dinosaurs and learning all about Chinese New Year. We will be looking at fiction and non-fiction books. From this we will learn about planets, the solar system, gravity and astronauts as well as dinosaurs and paleontology. We will be doing activities such as Papier Mache planets, painting aliens, tasting space food, making 3D rockets, learning about the difference between herbivores and carnivores, collage dinosaurs, and creating our own fossils.

### Literacy:

This term we will be using our phonic knowledge to write lists, invitations, fact files and writing our own predictions. We will begin to introduce the concept of SWAG and encourage the children to self-assess their writing to see if it contains SWAG. In phonics we will be learning our phase 3 digraphs and tricky words and learning to read and spell words containing them.

### Maths:

This term we will be learning about the composition of numbers up to 8 and how to relate these to addition and subtraction facts. We will be discussing equal and unequal amounts and looking at one more and one less than an amount. We will be exploring capacity and measuring and comparing weight, height, length and time.

#### Activities to do at home:

- Find out facts about space and dinosaurs
- Listen to your child read everyday
- Read and discuss stories at bedtime
- Encourage writing using Fred Fingers and SWAG
- Encourage children to recognize their phase 3 digraphs and tricky words (sheet attached)
- Use doodle maths frequently (login in details to be sent home)

**This Term PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon.**

#### SWAG

**S** Starts with a capital letter

**W** Written neatly

**A** A finger space between words

**G** Given punctuation at the end

