

## Reception Newsletter Summer 2

Welcome to the Summer 2 newsletter. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break.

### Space

Our topic for Summer 2 is Space! We will be learning about the planets in our Solar System including singing a song called *The Solar System* which can be found on Youtube if you would like to practise it at home. We will also be learning about famous astronauts (Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison) and how changes in technology have affected rockets and astronauts' suits throughout the years.

#### Key words

- Space, astronaut, space rocket, launch, alien
- Planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune
- Stars, the sun
- Non-fiction/ fiction

#### Books to read at home

- Look up
- The Smeds and The Smoos
- The Way Back Home
- Whatever Next
- Aliens Love Underpants
- Non-fiction books about space

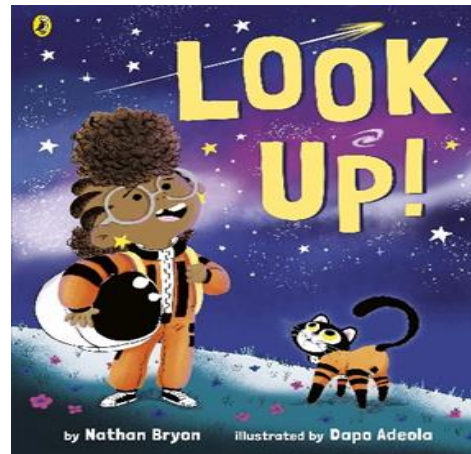
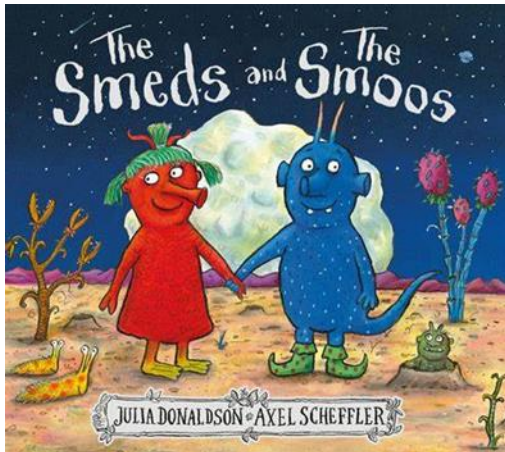
#### Ideas to try at home

- Research a planet of your child's choice and write 2 interesting facts about it.
- Get messy making planets using a balloon, some newspaper and glue. Talk about the changes that happen with the ingredients as you mix them and they dry.  
<http://www.instructables.com/id/Papier-Mache-Planets/>
- Build a rocket out of junk materials.



## Literacy

In literacy we will be reading *The Smeds and The Smoos*. Our activities will include writing invitations, designing posters and creating our own QR code facts.



## Maths

This half-term in Maths we will be continuing to practise and consolidate our skills in subitising, counting, composition and comparing amounts. We will also be solving more number problems including doubling and sharing and recapping the concept of odd and even.

Here are some ideas to support your child at home:

- Play Doubles-The children take turns to roll 2 dice. They score a point each time they roll a double. The first to reach 3 points wins the game.
- Teddy Bears' Picnic - Using teddy bears, plates and small quantities of 'loose parts' representing food items, e.g. buttons, pencils, etc. ask your child to share out the loose parts fairly so that each teddy gets the same. Are there any items left over? What will happen if another teddy joins the picnic?



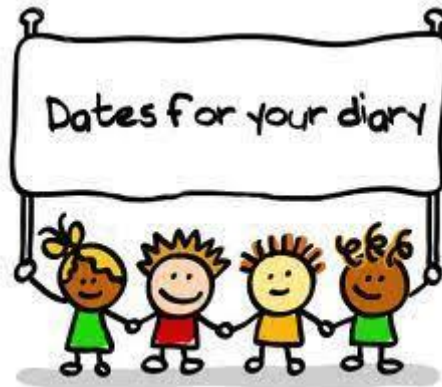
## Phonics

Miss Speak's class will continue practising phase 4 sounds. Phase 4 sounds are consonant clusters such as "fr" in "frog" and "pt" in "kept". We do not teach these as new sounds and we encourage children to continue saying each sound individually (eg f-r-o-g).

Mr Mellett's phonics class and Miss Howard's will be recapping phase 3 sounds and moving onto phase 4.



With the arrival of the sunshine could we please ask that you provide your child with a sun hat, a bottle of water and sun cream, all clearly labelled. We have a policy that staff do not apply sun cream so please apply it before school and ensure your child is able to apply it if it needs topping up throughout the day.



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June- Library Trip (Sunshine Class)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June- Library Trip (Rainbow Class)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Early Years and KS1 sports day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Carnival

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July- Summer fair

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Last day of term, **2pm finish**