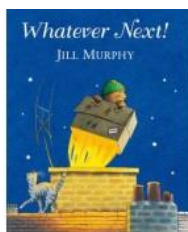


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 24.02.25

Term 4 topic- How do we get around?

Our story of the week- "Whatever Next!"



Another very busy, but very exciting week!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- In our Jigsaw time we have been talking about how we stay healthy and active and why this is important. We thought about how our body responds to exercise and activity - we felt our hearts as we were resting, then we played an active game and afterwards felt our hearts again. We could feel they were now beating quickly, pumping blood around our bodies. The children said they felt "healthy" and "strong". We know that both exercise and singing are good for our mental health. Our school value this term is 'Community', and we know we belong to the community of Faringdon.

Communication and Language- We had some lovely discussions about space, the planets, what we might find on the moon and even gravity. We loved watching and chatting about clips of astronauts on the international space station brushing their teeth, going to bed and moving around the space station. We also looked at photographs and talked about all the different kinds of air transport. Ask us how many we can remember!

Physical Development- We continue to use our outdoor area in all weathers – make sure children wrap up warm if needed! In PE this week worked on our ball control skills, rolling a ball up, down and around our bodies and across the floor. We have enjoying using the trim trail this week and can now confidently move from one end to the other. We continue to develop our fine motor skills by threading, handwriting, cutting and using building and construction toys. We have used play dough, explored gloop and played with flour. This all helps to make our fingers strong for writing, drawing and playing.

Literacy- We thought about what an astronaut might need for a journey into space and wrote a list. We have also looked at some non- fiction books about space and read lots of story books. We are using the phonemes we have learnt in our phonics sessions more in our writing and as we explore and read books. We are continuing with our phonics in groups.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s, 2s and 10s; recognising our numbers to 20 and beyond; doubling and halving; forming our

numbers correctly; counting up to 10 and back down again; saying what is one more and one less than a given number. This week we have been focusing on height, building towers taller or shorter than a friend's using lots of different construction materials, and we even measured and compared heights with each other. We also looked at photos of each other when we were babies and chatted about how we have changed over time. We are also learning to sequence the days of the week. We drew round Numicon shapes to design an alien and cut out 2D shapes to make a rocket.

Understanding the World - We have been looking at Space and learning about all the different planets. We have used the interactive whiteboard to design rockets and aliens. We have learnt a lot about different aircraft this week and how they travel through the air. In our RE lesson this week we looked at pictures of baby animals and talked about which animals they would grow into. We also learnt that spring is seen as the season that welcomes new life and talked about why this is the case.

Expressive Arts and Design - a lot of chatter can be heard in our role-play areas as we enjoy role-playing with our friends. At the art table we have cut out shapes to make rockets and have enjoyed designing, drawing and naming our own aliens. We have also had a lot of fun as we explored using potato printing with paint and glitter to print our planet pictures and we collaged our own paper plate planet. We were very creative by the end of the week junk modelling rockets, aliens and flying saucers!

Please keep checking the website for photos of our exciting experiences in Reception.

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Ideas for fun learning at home –

- Tell your family something you have learnt about space and the planets.
- Practise writing numbers to 20.
- How many different types of transport can you think of? Write a list and show your teacher.
- Watch some clips on YouTube of astronauts in space.
- Practise writing all your lower-case sounds.

Notes for next week 3.03.25

- Parents Evenings are on Tuesday 4th March and Thursday 6th March, please sign up online.
- World Book Day is on Friday 7th March, please refer to the letter about activities.

Enjoy the weekend and see you on Monday.