



*Earth and Space*  
*Spring Term 1*  
*Reception*

Dear Reception Parents/Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready to take on this term! We are planning lots of exciting activities based around our new topic 'Earth and Space'. The loan of any books or resources that would complement our new topic would be much appreciated. Please remember to label belongings clearly 😊

We are focusing on building words using the sounds learnt through the Jolly Phonics scheme. We will soon be sending home sound cards and number cards to learn. Please practise recognising the sounds and numbers at home, little and often is best 😊. Please keep the sound and number cards in your child's book bag as we will practise them in school too. Once a sound or number card has 3 ticks on the back (ticked by school) to show your child's knowledge is secure they can throw it in the bin, which they love to do! Please continue to read with your child at least three times a week. Remember to write about what you read in the reading record! Your ongoing support is much appreciated!

**Activities to try with your child at home:**

- Write their name using a capital at the beginning
- Write a sentence a week - this can be anything of your choosing. It could be something such as recording the weather, keeping a diary, writing about a favourite toy. Encourage your child to record the sounds they can hear and encourage the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Please feel free to share any writing with us that your child has done at home 😊
- Name all the colours
- Label numbers from 0-10 and then 11-20
- Do up zips and buttons, dress and undress independently
- Label all of the single Jolly Phonic sounds and most/some of the blends
- Be able to carry on a repeating pattern of shapes, numbers below 10, or colours
- Count up to 20 and down from 10
- Put numbers to 10 and then to 20, when found out of order, back in the right order
- Segment and blend together CVC words such as cat, pan, mat, fun

**It is important you help your child to practise these things at home 😊**

On the reverse is some more detail about your child's third term in school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us! A 'Talking Time' rota will be coming home soon.

Many thanks,  
The Reception Team 😊