

Spruce 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 2nd February PTA pancake toss

Monday 12th Feb-Fri 16th Feb-Half Term

Mon 19th Feb INSET DAY-SCHOOL
CLOSED

Tues 20th Feb- Term 4 Begins

Topic: Space



This term we will be exploring the topic of Space. We will be looking at fiction and non-fiction books. From this we will learn about planets, the solar system, and astronauts. We will be doing activities such as Papier Mache planets, painting aliens, tasting space food, exploring the dark den, making 3D rockets, moving to space music and designing underpants.

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 encouraging the children to self-assess their writing to see if it contains SWAG. In phonics we will be learning our phase 3 digraphs and learning to read and spell words containing them.

Maths:

This term we will be using 2D and 3D shapes and describing their properties. We will continue learning to order our numbers to 20 and say what is one more or less than a number. Through games we will be adding and subtracting numbers and looking at the symbols in a number sentence. We will be doubling and halving amounts and numbers and looking at simple fractions halves and quarters and how we can share things fairly.

Activities to do at home:

- Find out facts about space
- Look for shapes in the environment
- Discuss everyday fractions i.e your sandwich is cut in half, how can we share the sweets fairly?
- Listen to your child read everyday
- Read and discuss stories at bedtime
- Encourage writing using Fred Fingers i.e. shopping lists, labels.

This Term PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon.

SWAG

Starts with a capital letter

Written neatly

A finger space between words

Given punctuation at the end