

## Reception Newsletter - Spring 1 2025

### Topic this term - 'Out of this world'

Our topic for the half term is 'Out of this World'. We will be learning about different types of places in and around the world. Attached is a curriculum map and vocabulary list for this half term.

This week we read the story 'Aliens Love Underpants'.

Next week we will move our learning to the jungle when we read 'Rumble in the jungle'. We will use this book to learn about rhyming words.

After the jungle we will dive under the sea to learn about sharks. The following week we will use the Octonauts as inspiration to write our own creature reports about different creatures that live in the ocean.

For the last week of term, we will go back in time to discover how the dinosaurs lived and what they ate.

### Reading and writing

Introduce Phase 3 digraphs (two letters that make one sound)	Form lower-case letters correctly
Blend phonemes to read CVC words such as cat, c-a-t, dad, d-a-d, dog d-o-g, sh-o-p, r-i-ng	Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s
Read tricky words, which are words that do not follow the pattern of what has been taught so far in phonics.	Write short sentences with words with known sound-letter correspondences

### Tricky words –

Reminder - These are in your book bag, please practice recognising these words and spotting them in books.

is	I	the	put	pull
full	as	and	has	his
her	go	no	to	into
she	push	he	of	we
me	be			

### Spring 1

	Phase 3 graphemes	New tricky words
Week 1	ai ee igh oa	
Week 2	oo oo ar or	was you they
Week 3	ur ow oi ear	my by all
Week 4	air er words with double letters: dd mm tt bb rr gg pp	are sure pure
Week 5	longer words	

## Vocabulary List

Weekly stories	General vocabulary	Topic words	Maths Vocab
	moon alien rocket picnic somersaults handstands performs jetting off	astronaut craters souvenir launch-pad moon suit Saturn Mars tourist	introducing zero subitise 0-5 represent 0-5 find one more find one less composition of number 0-5
	alien space underpants	Earth spaceship	How many altogether? Composition of numbers 1-5 in 3 groups
	Animal names: giraffe monkey snake zebra tiger lion crocodile	Rhyming words: dog, frog cat, mat tap, map van, man	capacity heavier / lighter full / empty
	shark sea ocean teeth tail fin	hammerhead shark blue shark tiger shark whale shark	Numbers 6, 7, and 8 1 more / 1 less
	shell crab octopus starfish whale jellyfish	manta ray pufferfish coral clownfish squid	pairs combine altogether
	head and neck tail teeth plates scales meat eater herbivore	T-Rex Tyrannosaurus Rex Stegosaurus Pterodactyl Triceratops	measuring tall / short longer / shorter time days of the week