

Learning in Reception this week – 20th November 2023 – Whatever Next!



Drawing Club Vocabulary

Each week the children learn new words relating to our theme of the week. They learn an action to help them remember each word. Ask your child about the words we have been learning this week.

- Astronaut
- Gravity
- Space
- Crescent
- Launch
- Soaring
- Colander
- Greet



Phonics

This week we have learnt the sounds:

ai ee igh oa

We have now learnt all of the Phase 2 phonic sounds and have moved onto Phase 3 which includes digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound).



Amazing Artists

This week we learnt more about our new artist for the term – **Wassily Kandinsky**, a Russian Painter. We recapped and explored the **primary colours** – **red, yellow** and **blue** again and what happens when we mix them together. We learnt how to use the **powder paints** to mix colours.



PE

This week we joined in with a **Cosmic Kids** yoga session with a story called ‘Space Picnic’.



Maths

This week we learnt about **number five**. We found things that represent 5 e.g. 5 fingers, 5 toes, a glove, 5p coin, 5 spots on a dice, a star with 5 points, 5 little ducks/ 5 speckled frogs song.

We watched the ‘Off we go’ Numberblocks episode and have been practising putting the numbers **0-5 in the correct order**, using the language **first, before, after, last**.

You can watch the Numberblocks episodes again here...

[Numberblocks - Five](#)

[Numberblocks - Off We Go](#)



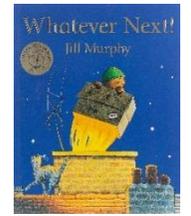
Discovery Detectives
(History, Geography, Science)

This week we learnt about **space** and in particular the moon. We learnt about the different **phases of the moon** and learnt the words **whole, half and crescent**.

We have learnt the names of the planets in the solar system and some facts about them.

We found out about the **British astronaut Tim Peake** and watched videos of astronauts in space doing everyday tasks like having lunch and brushing their teeth, which is very funny with no **gravity** to hold things down!

Watch the story of the week here



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Welly Wednesday

This week we recapped **British woodland animals** and found out about the **habitats** where they live. We learnt the names for badger, fox, rabbit and squirrel homes – **sett, den, burrow, drey**. We explored the forest school area and looked for locations of where their homes could be and then created our own woodland habitat.



RE

This week we discussed that the Bible has lots of stories telling us how Jesus showed that he was a **special friend**, and also stories that Jesus told about **how to be a good friend**. We recapped the story of the Good Samaritan, and the story of Zacchaeus. We then listened to the story of Jairus’ daughter.



Continue your learning at home

Before going to bed each night, have a look out of the window and try and see the **moon**. Look carefully to **see how it changes**. Also, you could try getting creative at home and make your own rocket or spaceship!