

## Curriculum Newsletter for EYFS Spring 1 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first term in 2025. I would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE day will continue to be on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them, black shorts or jagging bottoms, a white t-shirt and black indoor plimsoles. Please label all PE kit.

Homework— and reading books go out on Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on the following Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

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Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Phonics we will continue to use the phonics sounds we have learnt to read and write longer words and sentences. We will continue to learn new tricky and common words. We will continue to apply this phonics knowledge to write sentences about the story of the week and to read short books independently.

In Mathematics we will continue to solve number problems using our counting skills to twenty. We will be working on number bonds to 10 and trying to recall these from memory. We will be looking at 2d shapes, talking about their properties and using them to create Space pictures.

During circle time sessions we will be talking about the feelings of different characters from stories. We will be looking at big emotions and what we can do when we are feeling them.

We will be developing our vocabulary to talk about the planets of the solar system and events and characters from stories. We will be using talk to connect our ideas and use a range of tenses.

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In Understanding the World we will continue to develop our ICT skills to draw pictures on the iPad and programming the Bee-Bots to reach a target. We will be talking about similarities and differences between planets of the Solar System and we will think of questions we would like to ask an astronaut about what it is like to live on the International Space Station.

We will be experimenting with different printing techniques to create the surface of the moon and marbling planets. We will be mixing paints to match colours. We wil be using percussion instruments to create alien sound effects and space music.

In PE we will continue to develop our fine motor skills to form letters and numbers correctly, use scissors to cut around shapes and use small hammers and tweezers. In PE sessions we will continue to practise our ball skills, throwing and catching more accurately.

In Ivrit we will continue to develop our vocabulary and name different food. We will sing rhymes and songs and learn songs for Tu B'Shevat. We will be learning about the weekly Parashot during Kabbalat Shabbat assembly and we will begin making a Shabbat Box, filled with items we need for Shabbat.