Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy
Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Antarctica Class - Reception

Let your light shine!

I hope you and your families have had a wonderful Christmas break and have managed some quality family time and rest. I'm super excited for our fun-filled half term ahead.

MUSIC is on Friday's.

PE is on Tuesday's & Friday's

Please do make sure we have wellies and appropriate waterproof coveralls.

With the cold weather, please make sure children have a **coat, hat, and gloves** in school along with a **full change of spare clothes**.

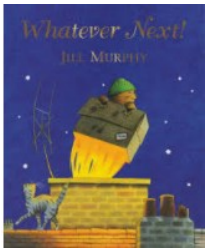
This half term's learning:

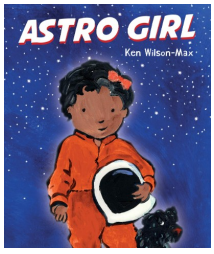
Our topic this term is 'a journey in time'

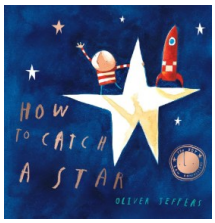
We will be focusing our learning around the topic of SPACE for this half term.

Our Learning Objectives: child's belongings!

Our Literacy work is going to be based on these books:







We will be discussing ideas with a speaking and listening focus; writing captions; sequencing and retelling familiar stories and describing characters (orally and written).

In Maths we will be exploring the composition and comparing numbers 0 and 5-10 reinforcing 'one more' and 'one less'; investigating capacity, mass, height, length and time; combining two groups.

In phonics we will be consolidating set 1 sounds and learning the set 1 special friends. When ready, some children will begin to learn our set 2 sounds. Please ensure you are regularly reading at home with your child(ren).

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Team work; taking turns, sharing, managing our emotions

Understanding the World/ Expressive Arts & Design/ :

Exploring what lives in the sky; the solar system; what are 'astronauts'?; how does the Earth move?; ways to look after our Earth; magnetic force; gravity; does the moon really have a face? Lunar New Year is on 29th January; we'll be learning about this celebration and tasting some Chinese foods

Physical Development:

Our weekly PE lessons with Mrs Greenland; funky finger station; handwriting and letter formation; dough disco; outdoor obstacles; outdoor learning

Outdoor Learning:

Exploring our school areas; creating space rockets; making moon rocks; participating in RSPB school's bird watch; weekly outdoor learning sessions