

## Prime Areas of Learning

Big Question: "Why is planet Earth special?"

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Developing self-confidence, positive learning attitudes & an emotional literacy.
- Learning to manage their own feelings, personal needs & behaviour.
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles.
- *Jigsaw: Dreams & Goals.*
  - Challenges & perseverance
  - Goal setting
  - Overcoming obstacles
  - Seeking help
  - Jobs
  - Achieving goals

### Communication & Language

- Developing Oracy skills through discussions & games
- Chatting & weekly 'Show & Tell'
- Listening to, enjoying & responding to a variety of topic related stories & rhymes
- Lots of role-play opportunities inspired by stories & space themed settings!
- New vocabulary relating to space

### Physical Development

- Developing their gross & fine motor skills
- Learning to handle equipment, tools & pencils effectively
- Weekly 'Funky Fingers' activities
- A weekly PE lesson with PE coach Matt Tanner

## Specific Areas of Learning

### Literacy

- Key Texts to include 'Whatever Next!' and space non-fiction books
- Literacy lessons & guided writing opportunities
- Independent mark making & writing opportunities throughout provision, inspired by key texts & space topic and own experiences
- Book sharing, story CD's & one-to-one reading
- Continuing to develop phonological awareness through rhyme  
Daily phonics using Phonics Bug: Phase 3
- Systematic sequencing of letters, their sounds & their formation
- Developing blending and segmenting skills
- Beginning to write simple captions and sentences

Class One  
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"Space & Our World"



### Mathematics

- Enjoying number rhymes, songs & games.
- Exploring & applying maths practically through play including role-play.
- Exploring number, measure, shape & spatial thinking.
- *White Rose Maths: Mass & Capacity*
  - Compare mass & find a balance
  - Explore & compare capacity
- *White Rose Maths: Growing 6, 7, 8*
  - Find, represent & compose 6, 7 & 8
  - 1 more & 1 less
  - Making pairs - odd & even
  - Double to 8 - find & make a double
- *White Rose Maths Length, Height & Time*
  - Explore & compare length & height
  - Talk about, order & sequence time

## Characteristics of Effective Teaching & Learning

### Active Learning

- Being involved & concentrating
- Maintaining focus
- Persisting with an activity

Enrichment Opportunities  
Space role-play

### Creating & Thinking Critically

- Having your own ideas
- Finding ways to solve problems

### Playing & Exploring

- Finding out & exploring
- Engaging in open-ended activities
- 'Can do' attitude

### Understanding of the World

- Past & Present
  - The first moon landing.
  - Transport past & present.
  - Technology in the home past & present.
- People, Cultures & Communities
  - A weekly FaB lesson: Word of God
  - Mapping Landscope Primary School
    - Introduce Google Earth
    - Explore routes to school
  - Different ways of life & environments:
    - London & Italy 'virtual visit'
- The Natural World
  - *Weekly Outdoor Explorers*
    - Observing seasonal change - Winter
    - Developing observation skills
  - Exploring changing states of matter.
- Computing: Ipads, IWB & Beebots

### Expressive Arts & Design

- Space station and deconstructed role play area
- Using a variety of materials and techniques to create space themed art
- *Kapow Music - Exploring Sound, music and movement*