

## Reception Newsletter - Spring 1

Welcome back everyone - we hope that you all had a great Christmas break! We are excited to be launching our new topic Space. We will be exploring the topic through adventurous stories as well information books, searching out fascinating facts about our solar system. We are eager to embark on our trip to the National Maritime Museum where we will have workshops about space. We will learn about people who help us, including some exciting visitors before ending the term with a celebration of Chinese New Year.

A selection of some of the texts we will share and focus on during the term 😊



These are the sounds and tricky words we will be covering in the Little Wandle Phonics programme:

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	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 ff	are sure pure
Week 5	longer words	

We follow the White Rose Scheme of Learning for our Maths Curriculum. Here are the areas covered this term:

- ❖ Mass & Capacity
- ❖ Growing 6, 7 & 8 (including doubling)
- ❖ Length, height & time
- ❖ Building 9 & 10 (including odd and even numbers)

Reminder: Please send your child in wearing comfortable clothing, such as leggings or jogging bottoms, a t-shirt and please ensure no tights are worn on:

Mr Mentlak's class: Wednesday

Mrs Mertens' class: Thursday

Reading morning starts again on the Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 8.50-9.15. All welcome - We will set up the classroom with books but feel free to bring a family favourite. When you arrive find a space, pick a book, and start to read it to your child and whoever else wants to listen. Reading morning will also be on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> January and 6<sup>th</sup> of February.

We have more trips to plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year. You can make the voluntary, termly £20 contribution to enable our trips to take place via the product section on MCAS.

If you have any questions, you can contact us through the office at [hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk](mailto:hscontact@halstow.compassps.uk) and it will be redirected to the relevant person.

### Donations welcome for the items below please 😊

Chunky chalk, Sellotape, felt tipped pens, paper plates, a colander, pom poms, yarn, ribbons, buttons, egg boxes, toilet roll tubes, milk bottle lids (all types of lids), masking tape, cotton wool, rice for sensory play, cream of tartar, plain flour, salt, food colouring.

### Supporting at home

- Visit the new space gallery for free at the science museum - [Space | Science Museum](#)
- Whilst there visit 'Wonderlabs'
- Share your favourite space facts with your child, ask if they have learned any at school over the next three weeks
- Visit the Bow Street Museum of Crime and Justice and embark on your own detective trail. Children are free but adults require tickets
- CNY is on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, visit Chinatown to join in the celebrations on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February

Kind regards,

The Reception Team