

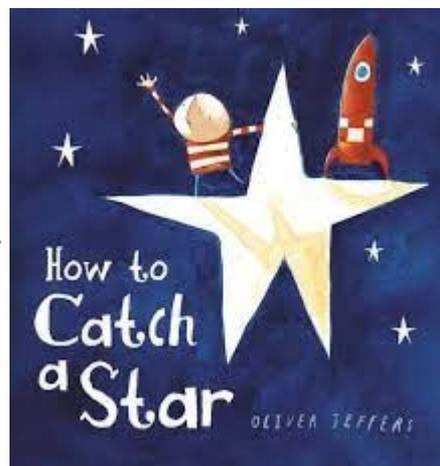
Parrot Class Newsletter

Welcome back

April 2022

Welcome back we hope you had an enjoyable break. This term our topic is called 'Stars and Sparkle', we will begin our topic by exploring the children's ideas about space and plan activities they want to explore.

Throughout the term, we will be focusing particularly on books involving Space. Our key text will be 'How to Catch a Star,' which will influence our Talk for Writing strategy this half term. We will look at sequencing the story, make story maps, write simple sentences and label work that they have produced both with an adult or independently. They will be called upon to share their understanding of a story, as well as any experiences they may have relating to the books they will enjoy.



We will also :

Make a rocket list of 10 things they would take up into space

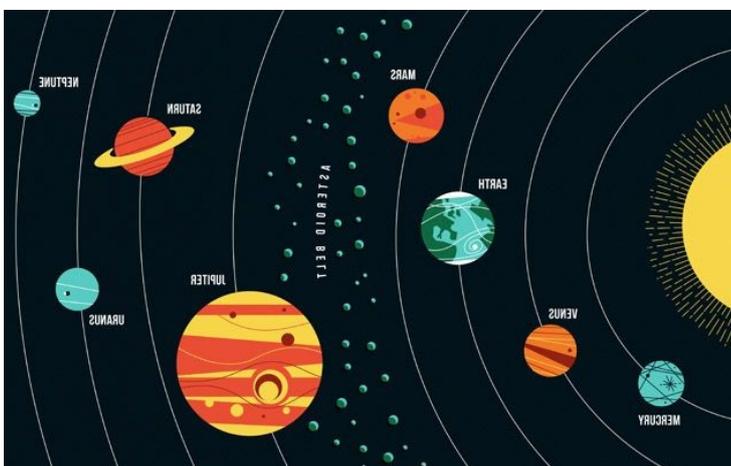
Make space star biscuits

Make a large scale space station

Build a rocket using different materials

Design and make an alien

Paint a picture of space using water colours



Reading at Home

We really value your comments about how your child interacts with a book so please could you write the date and a brief comment in the reading record book each time you read with your child. This record book is for your comments only. Please rest assured that your child will be reading in school every day. This could be during daily Guided Reading and writing sessions, Sounds-Write teaching or reading individually with an adult.



Mathematics

In Reception we aim to teach so that children have a deep understanding of numbers up to 10. We will be learning to:

Count objects, actions and sounds to 10

Count to 20

Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal value number

Understand the 'one more/ one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers

Explore the composition of numbers to 10

In Year 1 we will be learning to:

Count, write and order numbers to 20 and beyond

Count in 2s, 5s and 10s

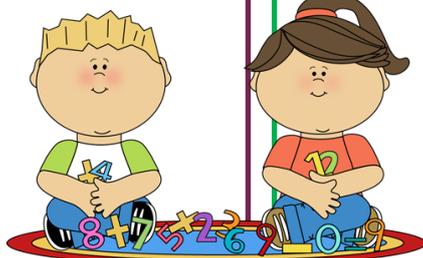
Add two digit numbers

Find the difference

Automatically recall number bonds of 10

Learn how to tell the time

Learn the days of the week.

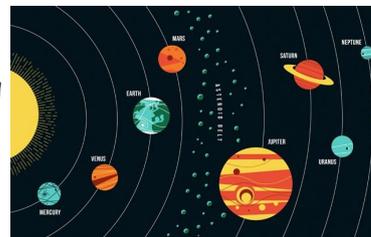


Physical Development

This term, we are teaching simple ball skills in our P.E. Lessons, where the children are expected to work together to further their throwing and catching skills. This includes accuracy, hand-eye co-ordination, balance and control. We will talk about good practice with regards to exercise and hygiene, as well as the safe transportation and storage of PE equipment. We now expect the children to change themselves for P.E. independently, and take responsibility for their own belongings.

Understanding the World

The children will continue to be given lots of opportunities to learn about life in our world, this term. We will be learning simple facts about Space, focusing particularly on stars and planets.



Science

In Year 1 we will continuing from last terms topic all about plants.

- Learn about plant habitats
- Draw and label a flower
- Plant a bean and observe what happens
- Find out what plants need to survive

