

Kindergarten Newsletter 19th September 2025
Autumn 1 Topic- Space

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our SCARF lesson this week revolved around the importance of washing our hands thoroughly. The children were given some UV Glitterbug hand potion to rub into their hands and then were given the task to wash it all off. Their hands were checked with our UV torches to see how thoroughly they washed them! As part of their ongoing self care (and mostly due to the horrendous weather this week!) we have been showing and encouraging children how to put on their own coats. Please log on to your Tapestry to see how you can further support this at home.

Literacy, Communication and Language

This week we have introduced our 'sign of the week', which is hello. The children have been doing this as part of their good morning song. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to introduce different signs to allow the children the opportunity to communicate in a variety of different ways.

As we are in week three, we have been consolidating our classroom carpet rules, with good sitting, good listening and good looking at the top of our list during carpet/ circle times.

The children have been making their own name rockets, either forming their own letters or arranging their letters in the correct order. As a one-to-one activity, we looked at the shape and sounds of each letter.

In Monster Phonics, we focused on environmental sounds to see if the children could identify the different sounds they might hear in their house; microwave, doorbell, toilet flushing...even snoring!

Mathematics

For maths this week, the children have continued their knowledge of shapes to cut out and build shape rockets. Additionally, we have done a 1-to-1 activity relating to repeating patterns of two, where the children were encouraged to say the name of the picture aloud to help them finish the pattern off.

To gain a deep understanding of numbers 1-10, the children have been continuing counting in a variety of different ways. They were introduced to numicon and had to match the right numicon to the right numbered rocket.

Understanding the World

After watching a video of an astronaut landing on the moon and planting a flag, the children were introduced to a variety of different country's flags. We discussed the colours, patterns and shapes we could see on each one. We also learned about the Moon, looking at how craters are created with a STEM

activity to observe what happens when hard objects drop onto a soft surface. We learned about some of the phases of the moon, learning the words, full moon, half moon and crescent moon.

During Forest School on Friday, the children prepared for the arrival of our new goats by learning how we care for our animals. We looked after the chickens and had a visit to the goat enclosure to learn about our soon-to-arrive friends. We then talked about what people need to live, comparing our answers to the animals' needs.

Physical Development

This week in PE, the children practised negotiating space and worked on their movement styles. Additionally, the children completed a space-themed yoga session, following the movement of an astronaut completing yoga in a space station!

Our fine motor skills activities have included more practice with scissor skills (this is improving daily!), manipulating playdough, tracing over laminated names with a whiteboard pen, peeling and sticking stars and dotting planets.

Expressive Arts and Design

In Mrs Thomson's art, the children had a wonderful time designing their own rockets. They will continue with these next week, looking at different colours, patterns and textures.

In class, we have used an array of different materials to paint with; balloons, stampers, foil painting, cotton buds.

Information/reminders:

Our Jodrell Bank trip letter has now been uploaded to the Parent Portal. Please log in and follow the instructions in order to book your child on to this trip, on Wednesday 24th September. If they have not been booked on, they will not be able to attend. Please can children wear their PE kits for the trip. They will need a snack in their pockets and their water bottles. We will be taking a packed lunch with us.

Our 'How We Teach in EYFS' evening is on Tuesday 30th September, 6-7pm. It will follow a similar format to last year, giving parents the opportunity to gain a deeper insight into their child's learning and development at Forest.

Very best wishes, *Mrs Budd, Mrs Singer and Miss Naylor*