



# Blast Off!!



We love seeing your child show off their learning at home.

Please keep sharing via Tapestry.

## **Websites:**

<http://www.esa.int/kids/en/home>

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSIA-u\\_ABmU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSIA-u_ABmU)-Subitise up to 5

<https://www.life.org.uk/>

## **Books:**

How to catch a star by Oliver Jeffers, Zoom Rocket Zoon by Margeret Mayo

Q-Pootle 5 by Nick Butterworth, Whatever Next? By Jill Murphy, The Man on the

Moon by Simon Bartram, Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman

Please tweet us using the hashtags below if you see your child showing any of our Archibald qualities.

We will continue to teach the children how to make the right choices and be **#ResponsibleCitizens**

Through our creative curriculum, we will be **#HavingFun** whilst learning.

**Key Dates and Reminders:** 6th November –Flu vaccination for Reception

14th December-Reception Film night 16th December-Early Years Christmas party.

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## Writing

We have been helping the children to develop their fine and gross motor skills using Dough Disco and Squiggle while you wiggle. We will be using our texts to develop our writing for a purpose and using the sounds we have learnt in phonics.

In Nursery, we are developing our fine and gross motor skills through indoor and outdoor play, as well as through activities such as Dough Disco and Squiggle While you Wiggle. We are also trying to write our names.

## Reading

In Reception, the children have now received their reading books. Please read with your child daily, reading both books from school and home. Encourage your child to sound the words out and use their tricky words. Use their orange and green books to support them with these strategies.

In Nursery, we are sharing stories every day, in whole class settings and in the book corner. We will be reading lots of books about Space. We would love to hear what books you are reading together at home.

## Phonics

Reception are have now learnt a number of sounds. We will continue to learn more sounds, practising blending these sounds to read new words and segmenting them to write words with them. Keep adding the new sounds to your orange book.

In Nursery, we are focusing on our listening skills. We are listening for alliteration and rhymes.

## Spanish

We will be learning to say how we are feeling and say what our name is as well as learning about Christmas in Spain.

## Maths

We will continue to explore numbers in depth, thinking about one more and one less. We will be learning to subitise numbers up to 5. (Check out the link in our websites) We will be learning about circles, triangles and shapes that have 4 sides. We will learning to talk about our day.

In Nursery, we are using Numicon shapes to develop our knowledge and understanding of numbers to 5. We are looking at simple 2D shapes and identifying them in the environment.

## PE *Having fun, keeping healthy and learning new skills...*

In Nursery, we continue to have outdoor play every day. We are experimenting with moving in different ways and avoiding obstacles. We will also be using a range of play equipment.

## Music—*listening, appreciating, interpreting, playing, developing...*

We will be learning actions songs and Christmas songs. We will be learning to respond to pieces of music and keeping the pulse.

## Computing

We will be practising our mouse skills using soap, learning to find letters on a keyboard and using apps to support our learning such as Hairy Letters and Little digits.

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### Topic

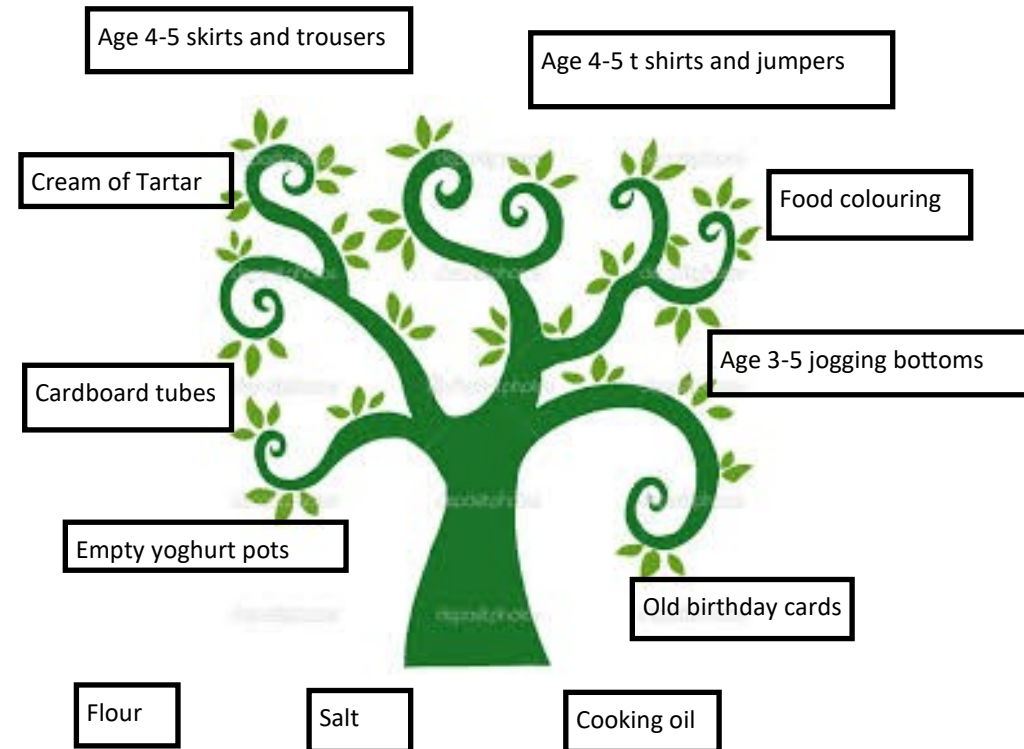
Reception's core text this term is Handa's Surprise and Nursery's is The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We will be exploring the different fruits in the books and tasting them as well.

Then we will begin our blast off topic, finding out about What is Space? Where is Space? What do we know about Space? We will find out about the Solar System. We will learn about people who have been to space, such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. We will be making rockets and finding out about aliens.

We will finish this half term with our Christmas celebrations.

### Key Vocabulary

Planets –Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune Astronaut, Solar System, Space shuttle, Lunar Module, Space Station, Moon, Atmosphere, Gravity.



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