



# Foundation 2 Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely break with the children. We cannot believe we are in the summer term already but we are keen to enjoy this next half term with the children. We have lots of exciting things planned this half term relating to our topic 'Space'.

## Key Information

<b>Class Dojo</b>	Please continue to check the Class Stories section for up to date information throughout the year. Important dates will also be shared on Class Dojo so keep your eyes peeled for exciting events coming up.
<b>Home Learning</b>	We will continue to send home the phonics sheets that your child completes each day. Please take some time to revisit this learning at home and encourage your child to show you their excellent letter formation. We also recommend sharing a book with your child at least three times a week. A phonic decodable reading book and a pleasure for reading book can be found in your child's bag. When you read together, please remember to record it in their yellow reading diary.
<b>P.E.</b>	PE will be on a Friday in the hall so please make sure your child has their PE kit. All earrings will need to be removed before school. Also, please make sure wellies and waterproof coats are in school ready for Forest Fridays.
<b>Sun Cream</b>	We spend a significant amount of time outdoors in Foundation. As we are unable to apply sun cream to the children, please ensure your child comes to school with sun cream already applied and brings a sunhat with them.
<b>Water Bottles</b>	Ensure children have a water bottle as it important for children to stay hydrated.

## What are we learning this half term?

<b>Topic</b>	We are blasting off on an amazing journey to learn all about space! The children will explore the moon, twinkling stars and all the planets in our solar system. We'll discover what astronauts do, learn about rockets and even imagine what it would be like to travel through space.
<b>Maths</b>	The children will be exploring shapes and continuing their learning about the composition of 10. Through practical activities, they will discover the different ways to make 10 and deepen their understanding that numbers can be made up of smaller parts.
<b>Phonics</b>	This half-term we are going to focus on Phase 4 learning. In Phase 4, no new graphemes are introduced. The main aim of this phase is to consolidate the children's knowledge and to help them learn to read and spell words with adjacent consonants such as <b>trap</b> , <b>string</b> and <b>milk</b> .
<b>Composition</b>	Our drawing club lessons will focus on books, traditional tales and animations that allow us to explore space. We will continue to practise writing words by segmenting to spell and we are building up to writing sentences independently by using our phonics knowledge and tricky words.

## Special Events

### St. George's Day

St. George's Day is celebrated on Thursday 23rd April. Children can come to school dressed in red and/or white on this day.

### National Space Day

On Friday 1st May, we will be celebrating National Space Day by having a fun day of space activities.

### Bring in a space picture from home

To complete our space learning, we'd love for the children to make a space picture at home and bring it in on Friday 22nd May. This can be a drawing, painting, craft or anything that the children would like to create with a space theme. They'll have the chance to show their artwork to their friends.

