

## Spring 1 John Coles Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and a restful start to the new year.

This term we are looking at the topic of 'Space and the planets. Through this topic we will be cover all areas of the curriculum with lots of rich play activities, storytelling and adult guided activities.

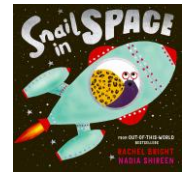
### Personal, Social and Emotional development



We will be continuing to work on the key skills of co-operation and shared play. We will be doing weekly circle time activities linking in with our SCARF theme 'Being My Best'. We will look at healthy eating, exercise and getting a good night's sleep.

### Communication Language and Literacy

We will be sharing lots of different stories, including Whatever Next and Snail in Space. We will be extending our story telling vocabulary and using puppets to help us retell stories. The children will also take part in Helicopter Stories each week and this will involve learning new poems and stories and also telling their own stories.



### Phonics

We will be learning new sounds weekly using Little Wandle. Your child will bring home the featured sounds from that week. **Please help children to learn these sounds at home. It is really important that children read at home. Please read weekly and record it in the yellow contact books.**

### Fine Motor

Children will be working on pencil and tool control. We will be practising letter formation daily and name writing independently. Please help your child to practice writing their name as often as possible.

### Maths

We will be taking part in daily maths activities. We will look at the composition of numbers up to ten and subitise amounts. We will continue to develop our counting skills and towards the end of this term look at mass and capacity.



### Understanding of the World

Children will be developing their understanding of space and the planets. We will also find out about some famous astronauts. Towards the end of term, we will look at the celebration of Chinese New Year.

### Physical Development

PE will be on a WEDNESDAY afternoon and this term we continue to have the PE coach working with John Coles class! As often as possible we will use our outdoor areas to build on skills as well as to give the children opportunity to develop the skills in co-operation, sharing and communicating that come through free play and team activities.

### Expressive Arts

We will be rockets, planets and lots of other lovely crafts linked to the topic of Space.

### Dates:

**Stay and Play will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30. We'd love for you to join us.**

Any questions please pop and chat to any of us, thank you.

