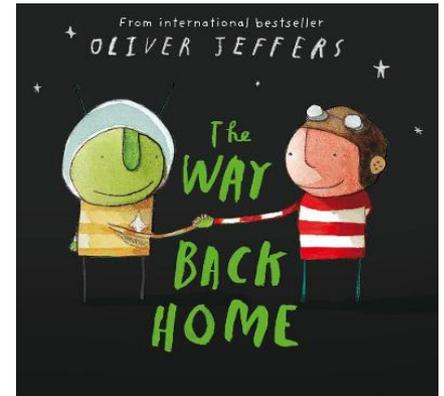


# Foundation Stage Newsletter Autumn 2

Our book this term is 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. It is about a boy and an alien who find themselves stranded on the moon. Through this story, the children will explore the themes of communication, problem solving and difference. We will also work together to gather answers to many questions such as 'How and why do we communicate?', 'How are we different?' and 'How can we overcome problems?'

Everyone will be busy exploring our new Space tent, building transport to get to the Moon and making gadgets to communicate with.



## Reading

The children will continue to follow the Read Write Inc. program for phonics. They will have daily phonic sessions, where they will learn and develop their knowledge of letters and sounds. The children have opportunities throughout the day to practice and embed this learning in the provision.

We would like to stress the importance of reading both at school and home. Please could we ask that you listen to your child read as often as possible, in order to develop their sounding, high frequency words and understanding of what they have read. Nursery children will continue to choose their own story book out of the baskets on a morning. When you have read, please leave a brief note in their reading diary and your child will receive a Dojo to reward their efforts.

## Writing

This half term the children will continue to take part in activities to strengthen their fingers. Nursery children will be learning how to hold a pencil correctly so they can begin to mark make more independently. Reception children will be learning how to write short sentences and labels. This will include perfecting our pre-cursive handwriting and using finger spaces.

## Maths

Nursery will begin to look at 2 special numbers and a shape every week. They will be using their fingers, marks and singing lots of songs and rhymes. They will also begin to explore the environment to find any shapes and numbers. Reception will strengthen their understanding of number by learning to count backwards from 20 and finding one more and one less than a given number.

## PE

Reception children will continue to have PE on a **WEDNESDAY** with a professional PE coach. They will be using scooters as part of their learning to help develop their core strength. Children who stay for Wrap Around on a Wednesday should continue to bring a t-shirt, shorts and pumps. PE kit should be brought on a Monday and be clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Forest Schools

Forest School days this half term remain the same.

**Nursery- Tuesday**

**Reception- Thursday**

Please ensure your child comes to school in their kit and brings their school uniform to change into afterwards.