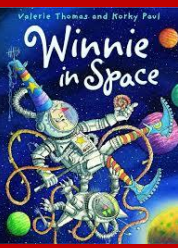
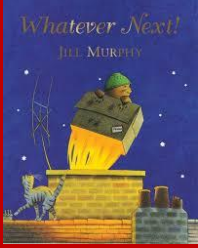
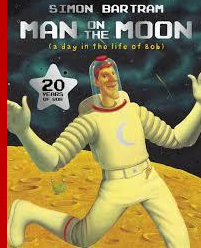
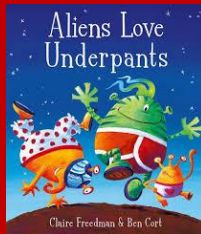


Some of our core texts for this term:



Term 1 & 2

Year 1

Space Academy

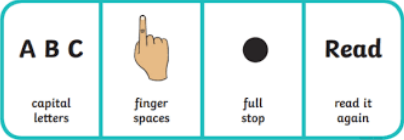


Questions to ask your child:

What season are we in now? How do you know?

Who was Neil Armstrong?

How did you make your space buggy move, and what did you do to make it strong enough for an alien planet?

Writing	Mathematics	Science	PE
This term in writing, we'll dive into our space theme, starting with <i>Aliens Love Underpants</i> and other exciting space stories. Children will write postcards, story predictions, alien menus, and even design their own aliens to imagine an invasion! Alongside this, we'll keep building key skills—using phonics, improving handwriting, and remembering those all-important capital letters and full stops.	In maths this term, we'll begin with place value, as it's the foundation for all our learning. Children will practise solving simple addition and subtraction using number lines and counting forwards and backwards, then apply these skills to problem-solving. We'll also focus on reasoning by encouraging children to explain how they know their answers. Later in the term, we'll explore money, shape, space, and measures, always linking learning to real-life situations.	In science, we'll begin an ongoing study of seasonal change, exploring the four seasons, their weather patterns, and what clothes are best for each. We'll also learn about the everyday uses of different materials. Through simple investigations—like finding the best material for our alien Zig's umbrella—children will start using scientific language to describe materials and their properties.	In gymnastics, children will combine travelling movements with balances, explore different jumps, and learn how to do forward rolls. In outdoor PE, we'll focus on ball skills and play target games to build accuracy and control.
			
History and Geography	Art and Design and Technology (DT)	PSHE and Religious Education (RE)	Computing and Music
 In History, we'll link to our space theme by learning about the history of space travel, focusing on Neil Armstrong and his famous moon landing. We'll also think about how this event has shaped the world we live in today. In Geography, children will explore maps—following them and creating their own—while making links to their local surroundings.	In Art, children will explore lines and shapes, learning how these are used to create different effects in artwork. They will experiment with a variety of materials—such as pencils, crayons, charcoal, and paint—through both individual observational drawings and collaborative group pieces. Their work will be inspired by different artists, giving them the chance to talk about what they see, share ideas, and use these as inspiration for their own creations. In Design & Technology, children will take on the role of engineers as they design and build their own space buggies. They will learn how vehicles move using wheels and axles, and how to make structures strong and stable. This project links to our space topic and encourages children to experiment with different materials, solve problems, and make design choices just like real engineers. Along the way, they will develop important skills such as designing, building, testing, and evaluating. The project also helps build fine motor skills, teamwork, and resilience—skills they will continue to use in future D&T projects throughout school.	<u>PSHE</u> In PSHE, we'll learn about our rights and responsibilities as members of the class and how to make it a safe and happy place for everyone. Children will think about the choices they make, the consequences of these, and explore similarities between people. We'll also discuss what to do if they feel unhappy. <u>R.E</u> RE this term will offer us the opportunity to look at key beliefs in Christianity. We will learn about the creation story and how this links to events in our own lives. We will consider how the actions we take impact others. Following this we will look at what gifts we might give Jesus if he was born here. This will allow us to focus on the Christian belief of incarnation.	<u>Computing</u> In Computing, we'll begin by learning about the importance of internet safety. Using <i>Purple Mash</i>, children will create their own avatars and explore why these are useful, while also learning how to navigate the different activities the program offers. Later, we'll use pictograms, try out <i>Lego Builders</i>, and even design our own aliens! <u>Music</u> We will be listening to a range of high quality live and recorded music including the 'Planet Suite' by Holst. We will then use this to create our own planet theme music using a range of tuned and untuned instruments.