### Communication and Language

- Children show they can listen attentively in a range of situations including carpet time.
- Children follow complex instructions involving more than one step.
- Children verbally organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.
- Children express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.
- Children answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.

### Literacy

- Children read and understand simple sentences.
- They also read and write some common irregular words.
- Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.
- They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others.
- Children use key features of a narrative in their writing.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children.
- They are confident to speak in a familiar group and will talk about their ideas.
- They adjust their behaviour to different situations and take changes of routine in their stride.
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# Up Above and Down Below

The beginning part of our topic takes us to outer space with a science and geography focus. The children will explore the 9 planets, learn about the solar system and find out fun facts about gravity, day and night, as well as life on the international space station. We then move on to look at life under the sea with a continued focus on science and the natural world and how we can help protect it. The children will discover exciting sea creatures, learn about plastic pollution and find out about the roles people play in researching and protecting our ocean habitats.

As always our topic will include a variety of engaging texts to inspire the children to read and write. These include; Whatever Next, Marshmallows for Martians, Aliens Love Underpants, Commotion in the Ocean, The Snail and the Whale and the Rainbow Fish to name a few.

Our maths activities, arts and crafts and even our PE lessons are themed around our fully immersive topic to inspire and engage the children. Look at some of the things we will be learning to do...

## **Physical Development**

- They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space.
- They hold the paper in position and use a preferred hand for writing with the correct pencil grip.
- Children are beginning to be able write on lines and control letter size.





#### Maths

- Children count reliably with numbers from 1 to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number.
- -They recognise, create and describe patterns.
- They explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.
- They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.
- Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer.



### Expressive Arts and Design

- They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
- Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes.
- They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, role-play and stories



### Understanding the World

- Know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.
- Describe some actions which people in their community do that help maintain the area they live in.