

# Foundation Stage News

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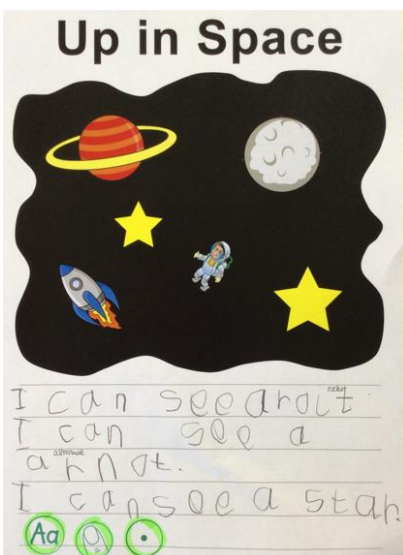
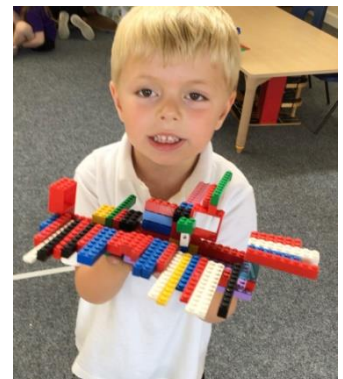
## Our learning this week:

It has been 'awe and wonder' in abundance in Reception this week as we have explored our topic of Space. The children were particularly fascinated by the videos recorded by astronauts Tim Peake and Chris Hadfield on the International Space Station – we have discovered that everyday activities such as eating, playing tennis, washing, brushing our teeth and sleeping have to be done differently in zero gravity (the information about using the toilet in space particularly captured the children's interest as you might imagine!)

We certainly have some budding astronomers in class – a few children brought their own information books from home to share their interest and knowledge of space. We learned how to use the contents page to select which part of the book we wanted to look at and even discovered how to use an index page!



Not to be outdone by NASA, the children got to work designing their own space station in the Architect Area and mini versions with the Lego! Some lovely role-play went on with great use of their newly acquired space vocabulary!



Using the Stem Sentence "I can see..." the children imagined what they might see looking out of a space station window. They used their super phonic skills to write some sentences. They are doing so well using 'Fred Talk' to spell the words and leaving spaces so their words do not bump together!

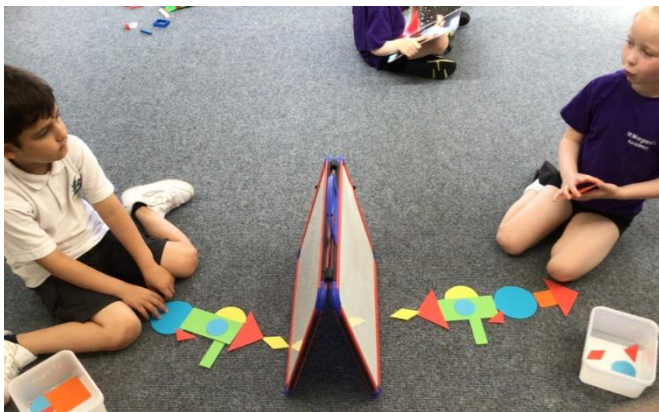






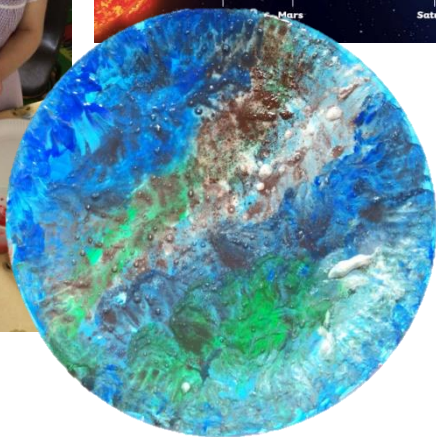
The children have been using 2D shapes to create wonderful space themed pictures. They worked out that they could create 2D shapes that were not in the Art Studio by cutting, folding or joining two shapes together – what super Solve-a-sauruses!

We also had great fun trying to make identical shape pictures in our Barrier Game making sure to use the language of shape in our instructions. One little superstar told her friend “You have to say a shape, say what it looks like, say what colour and where it goes.” as she explained to her friend how to play the game.



The children have been particularly fascinated by the Solar System and all the different planets. We looked at the colours and patterns of these planets and our super information books helped us to learn what they were made of.

The children had a great time experimenting with a variety of different tools and mark makers to create different effects with the paints. They discovered that salt makes wonderful a texture and pattern.



We read a very inspiring true story about a little girl called Mae Jemison who dreamed of becoming an astronaut when she was older even though people told her she should “do something more sensible”. At the end of the book, we discovered her dream came true! “If you believe it, and work hard for it, anything is possible!”



# Our Reception Stars:



This week our stars were:

**Bobby** – For being a super Share–onyx! Bobby has helped us all to learn more about Space, showing us how to find information in his Space Book and sharing his favourite facts.

**Corey** – For being a super Think–a–docus! After reading Alien's Love Underpants, Corey went on to create his own alien themed story book using his super phonic knowledge to write the words.

## Reading Books:



As we near the end of the school year we will now be collecting in all of our reading books – this includes our Read Write Inc. books and the picture books borrowed. We would be very grateful if you could have a good look at home to check all books have been returned. For the next two weeks, your child will be able to access an ebook from the Oxford Owl website (please find the link on the final page).

## Dates for your diary:

**St Margaret's Summer Fair** – Tomorrow, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 11am–2pm. The PTA have done a wonderful job organising this event – it looks to be fantastic fun and a great way to raise funds for the school.

**Your child's school Report** will be sent home next week. Please let us know if your family circumstances mean you will need an additional copy printed. We will enclose a feedback form in the envelope – your responses, even if only a few words, are very much appreciated and will help us to evaluate our provision for the youngest children at St Margaret's.

**Our Early Years Picnic** – this annual event will be held next week on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 3:30–4:30pm. Please bring a picnic and rug ...and the sunshine too! Older siblings are most welcome! Our lovely staff from Year One will be attending to start to get to know you and we can't wait for you to meet our Reception 2022/2023 children and families.

## Read Write Inc. Home Learning



Reading ar – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TMoEmJyN/gvwqMfZu>

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# Our Learning Next Week:



Your children have been **ABSOLUTE** superstars this year and we have so loved being their teachers – our last theme for the year of 'Superheroes' is therefore very fitting.

We will use the story 'Supatato' to launch this new learning. If you haven't already read this brilliant story, please follow this link for an online version:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QlaMeNmTC6c>

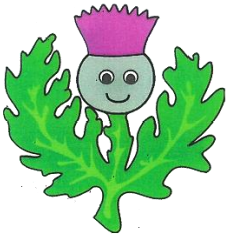
The children will spend quality time over the next two weeks talking about moving on to Year One. They will get to know their new Year One teachers and environment with planned visits, walkabouts, time to talk and story sessions. We will help the children to recognise and talk about their feelings and will support them with any worries they may have.

After reading Supertato, we will ask the children to tell us about their favourite superhero characters and think about what his/her superpower is. We will think about how each character makes people feel. The children will then go on to think about their own superpower and how they can use this power to make other people happy e.g. telling funny jokes that make people laugh, giving warm cuddles to cheer people up if they are sad, strong arms to hold a door open for someone else etc. We will keep a record of the children's wonderful ideas and share them with their new teachers in Year One.

We hope to enjoy a fun, creative, superhero craft day and would like the children to create their own fruit or vegetable hero. Please could you send a vegetable into school for them to use on Wednesday e.g. an apple, an orange, a potato, a carrot, a leek, a broccoli floret or a cucumber.

## Key vocabulary for next week:

hero power rescue proud change  
happy excited sad worried nervous scared



# Oxford Owl Login



For the next two weeks, your child can access their reading book online by logging in to the Oxford Owl website. Please click on the following link to take you to the login page:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>

Please enter the following details to access the site (please leave spaces as below):

**Username:** ash elm 2021

**Password:** lockdown2

Please click on the 'Read Write Inc eBooks' tab which will take you to a selection of RWI reading books of differing levels.



Over the next two weeks your child can select from the following books to practise their reading:



Have a lovely weekend!