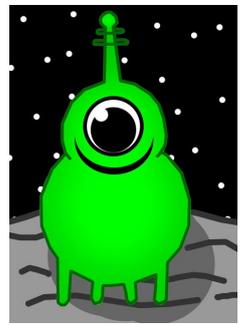




## Gorse Hall Reception Newsletter Summer Term 1 2020



Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We are now looking forward to another busy and fun packed half term.

Could you please ensure all items in your child's P.E. kit are clearly labelled with your child's name. Ideally P.E kit needs to be in school every day.

### What are we going to be learning?

This half term our topic is called 'Out of this World' and includes Knights and castles and Space. So an action packed half term with lots to do and learn!

The children will be finding out all about knights and castles and how they differ from their own houses. After that, we will be finding out about space and the different planets as well a writing about aliens!

These are just a few of the activities we will be carrying out :

- \* Sharing a selection of stories based on the themes of Knights and Castles, Space and Aliens.
- \* Using the internet and non fiction books to find out about Space and Knights and Castles.
- \* Writing some facts we have found out about our topics.
- \* Making non fiction books.
- \* Listening to musical excerpts from 'The Planets'.
- \* Making posters to find a mysterious alien!
- \* Finding out about different planets.

Some of the books that we will be using are; Castles by Colin Thompson, The Dragon who couldn't Help Breathing Fire, Aliens love Underpants, We're off to Look for Aliens.

### These are the learning objectives we are working on this half term in Literacy

- \* Building up the children's knowledge of high frequency/tricky words, so that they can instantly recognise and read these.
- \* Using non fiction books and the internet to find information.
- \* Independently writing sentences that can be read by themselves and others.
- \* Experiencing writing for different purposes—messages, stories, information, labels, letters etc.
- \* Using simple punctuation -full stops, question marks, exclamation marks and capital letters.
- \* Naming all of the letters of the alphabet.
- \* Reading high frequency words and beginning to spell them correctly when involved in own writing.
- \* Improving our letter formation
- \* Answering questions about texts that we have read to show understanding.

### These are the learning objectives we are working on this half term in Maths

- \* Counting backwards from 30, counting in 2s to 30, 5s to 50 and 10s to 200.
- \* Using the 100 square to find and follow number patterns
- \* Recognising, writing and ordering numbers to 20+
- \* Solving simple subtraction problems, counting back to find the answer.
- \* Understanding doubling, halving and sharing with numbers first to 10 and then to 20.
- \* Stating what is 1 more than or 1 less than a given number between 0-20.
- \* Recalling number bonds to 10—how many different ways can you make 10?
- \* Using the language of time and distance.
- \* Describing 3D shapes in terms of their properties—cone, pyramid, sphere, cube, cuboid, cylinder

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th May—RLP class assembly at 9:15am

Wednesday 24th June RRB class assembly at 9:15am

Our **Jigsaw** topic, this term, is 'Relationships' this will include talking about;

Friendships and what makes a good friend.

How to treat and respect others

Hope to help themselves and others if they feel upset or hurt

How to build other good relationships.