

St Faith's C.E. Primary School

Class: Oak Year R
Teachers: Mrs Knott and Mrs Reynolds
Year R LSAs: Mrs Amey and Mrs Cannings
Curriculum News: Autumn 2025
Topic: Journeys/The First Man on the Moon

Communication, Language & Literacy

We will be concentrating on our speaking and listening skills; especially through sharing stories based around our topics. We will explore journeys made in familiar stories such as *We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Whatever Next, and The Jolly Postman*, using this as the basis for our own storytelling and writing.

Phonics: The children will have four Little Wandle Phonics sessions each week in which they will be introduced initially to single sounds corresponding to each letter of the alphabet. **We will be holding a Phonics 'Stay and Play' Workshop on Thursday 16th October, 9.15-10.15am.**

Writing: As a class the children will be contributing to shared writing, linked to our topic.
They will be introduced to the correct letter formation in handwriting sessions, and will explore this formation using a variety of tools and media.

Reading: Each week the children will have three Guided Reading sessions in school and then will take the same book home to show to you.

Expressive Arts and Design: This term, the children will explore a range of texture collages and consider how different print effects can be achieved with different autumn treasures. They will also create junk model rockets and create other topic-based pictures.

PSE: Building relationships will be a key focus of this term. We will also reflect and discuss our school rules and values and agree upon ways we can ensure the classroom is a happy, safe and fair learning community for all.

Physical Development: In games, we will be developing our ability to travel in a variety of ways and creating different shapes and balances, as well as demonstrating different skills using a beanbag. The children will also respond to music though their autumn inspired dance and yoga.

Messages

Please label <u>all</u> clothes, shoes, trainers, water bottles and book bags. Ensure your child can identify their own book bag, perhaps by personalising it in some way.
On a **Monday** and **Wednesday,** please ensure your children are dressed in clothes they can most easily change in and out of for PE.
Please also make sure your child is suitably clothed for outdoor play. During the autumn term that can mean anything from a sunhat to water-proof coats and gloves!
Thank you for your support.

Maths

Through adult directed inputs and tasks, as well as continuous provision, "Activity Time" experiences, children will develop their skills in the following areas:

- Counting, ordering and recognising numbers to 10.
- Sorting objects into groups using different rules.
- Exploring the concepts of more and less.
- Problem solving involving addition and subtraction (particularly with number bonds for numbers up to 5).
- Recognising and describing 2D shapes and patterns.

Understanding the World

People and Communities: The children will learn about the importance of the concept of *belonging* through the 'families' topic, as well as exploring religious celebrations for Christians, such as Harvest and Christmas, and the journeys these involve.

World: The children will discuss journeys we have made in our lives, journeys we make to school, and learn to recognise the key features of our local environment.

Past and present: The children will look at the significant event of Neil Armstrong's journey to

Suggestions to support learning at home

Remember a little and often is the most effective way to learn!

- Read and share books with your child on a **daily** basis.
- Practise counting objects, actions and sounds.
- Encourage children to recognise shapes in their environment.
- Practise the phonic sound cards and handwriting sheets that will be sent home at the end of each week.

Other Infant Staff

Year 1 and Oak Class Teacher: Miss Stephen
Year 2 Teacher: Mrs Choules
LSAs: Mrs Wright, Mrs Moretti
HTLA: Mrs McGoff