

Dear Parents/Carers

We have a very exciting half term ahead of us as we begin our new topic, 'Why is it dark at night?' We have a fantastic Dark Den in the classroom and outside we have a Space Station too!

We have lots of exciting things happening this half term so be sure to check our Facebook page for updates and reminders.

On Friday 4th November we have our phonics workshop which will explain how we teach phonics to young children and how we make it exciting! we would love to see you there so please bring reply slips back as soon as possible or let Mrs Bowyer in the school office know you are attending.

Our Parent's Evening Sign-up sheets are now available in the main school entrance hall. Our Parent's Evening will be held on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November. In this time we will discuss how your child has settled into Reception life and give you an opportunity to see their Learning Journey books so far.

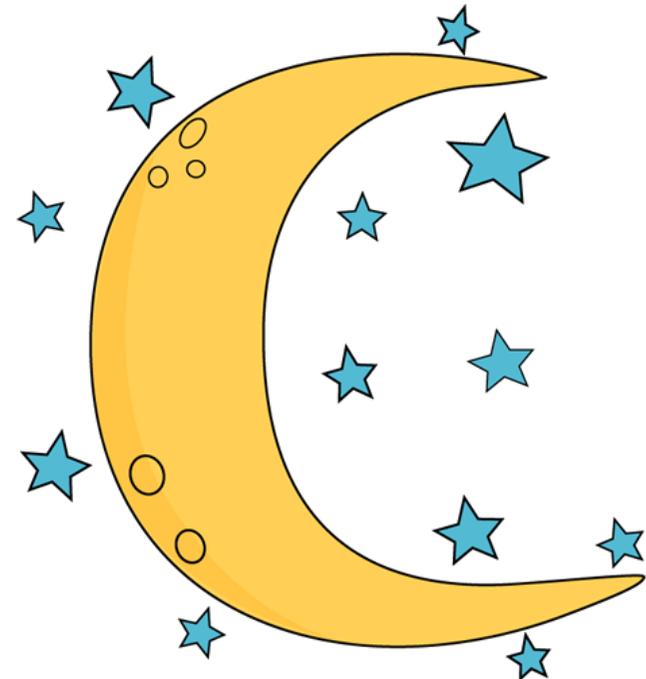
The weather is slowly starting to get chillier now but we still like the children to use our outdoor area if they wish. Please could the children bring a warm coat, gloves and hat to school so that they are cosy if they do venture outdoors!

We look forward to another great half term!

Mrs Buckler, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Poole 😊

Reception Learning Challenge Planner Autumn 2

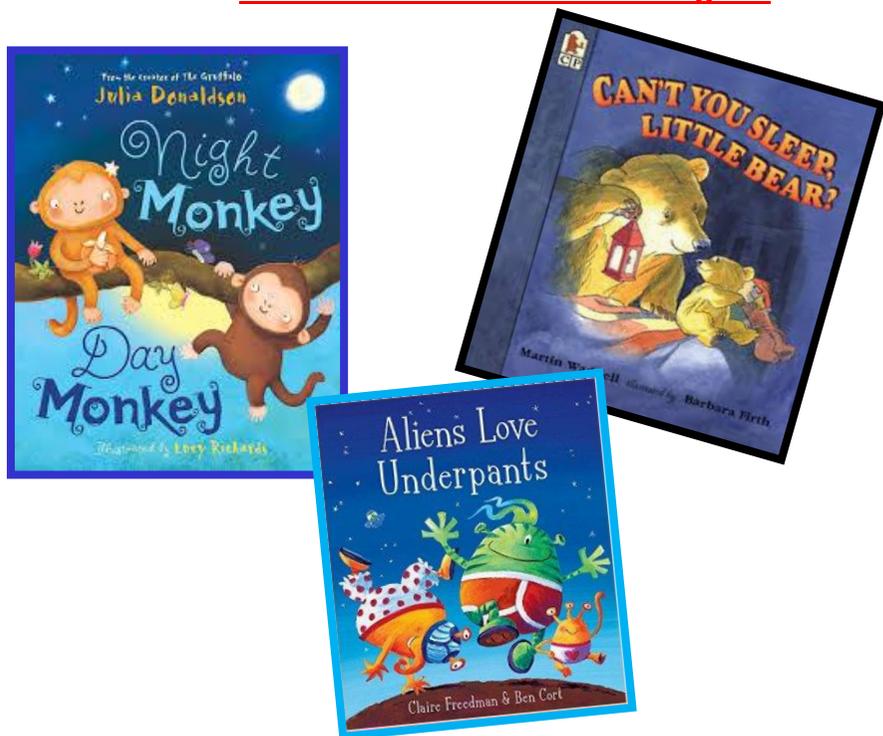
Why is it dark at night?



WOW: Watch clips of space launches!

Special Space Lunch	
LC1	How are night and day different?
LC2	What happens when I sleep?
LC3	Where does light come from?
LC4	What is beyond the sky?
Reflection	Where does the sun go when we are in bed at night?

What books will we be looking at?



What will we be doing in school?

- Mathematics**
- Accurate counting both forwards and backwards
 - Teen numbers
 - 1 more and 1 less
 - Time- sequencing events of the day and telling the time to o'clock.
 - Positional language

- Physical Development**
- Continue handwriting
 - Continue to develop fine motor skills – finger gym.
 - To use large outdoor equipment to improve gross motor skills.
 - Write Dance lessons

- Understanding the world**
- Where do we fit in the universe?
 - Bee bots- space maps and missions
 - Understanding the changes of day and night.
 - Sources of light

- Literacy**
- Black out tent/space station role play
 - Reading rocket book corner
 - Phase 2 and 3 letters and sounds
 - Character descriptions
 - Space facts

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
- Circle times to discuss friendships and relationships.
 - To develop an understanding that we all need to look after our world.
 - Playing with others, taking turns and cooperating on big model building projects.

- Expressive Arts and Design**
- Plan and make rockets or space ships
 - Creating contrasting day and night pictures
 - Firework pictures using marbles
 - Painting based on 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh.
 - Space songs
 - Large construction projects.

- Communication and Language**
- Space adventure Role play
 - Small world
 - Discussions about night and day animals
 - Circle time discussions
 - Listening to a variety of stories