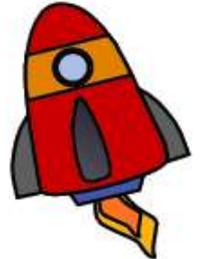
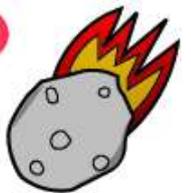
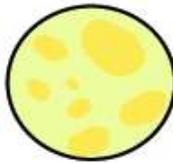




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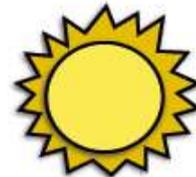
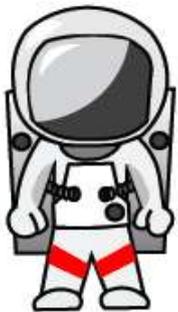
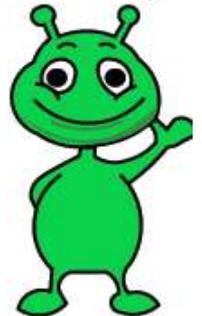


RECEPTION PARENT WORKSHOP

Come and learn about what we will be doing in Reception this year to help with developing language and communication on 28th of January at 2:45pm (with children joining us at 3:05-3:20 for a special activity).

Learn tips and fun activities you can do to help your child's language!
Refreshments Provided
RSVP – please let the class teacher know if you are coming along!

Looking forward to seeing you! Sarah Kennedy (SENDCo) and Aria May (Speech and Language Therapist)



Date Reminders:

Launchpad Parent Workshop (reception parents) Thur 28th Jan at 2:45pm.

Half Term Dates: Mon 15th Feb to Friday 19th Feb.

Easter weekend: Fri March 25th – Mon 28th – (4 day weekend) re-start Tues 29th March

Easter holiday: Mon 4th April to Fri 15th April – re-start Mon 18th April

Reception and Nursery cake sale: Friday 12th 3pm February

Year 1 cake sale: Friday 11th 3pm March

Monday 25th January 2016

Dear Families,

The school has launched a really big whole-school focus on the development of children's communication skills. Improving children's language will help them with all areas of the curriculum. For example, verbalising ideas before putting pencil to paper is an important skill in writing, discussing processes in maths and understanding maths vocabulary enables deeper understanding of maths concepts. Furthermore, articulating thoughts and feelings is a key skill for children to be able to express themselves. With limited language this can be difficult, especially if children are acquiring English as an additional language. In nursery the new 'Dramavision' sessions will help children to widen their vocabulary, in reception the launchpad project is designed to improve language skills and in Year 1 the teachers are working with children on expanding their spoken answers by role modelling accurate use of a variety of conjunctions such as 'because', so, and, but and therefore', This will then be incorporated into writing extended sentences. Finally, we are also introducing children to a 'sign' a week from Makaton (sign language) which supports our inclusive ethos by helping children with communication difficulties and demonstrating how gestures and body language enhance and clarify the spoken word as well as being fun.

Yours,

Nicola Dudley - Head of School

Staff Training

Over the next couple of weeks teachers will be on important external phonics training therefore you may well notice that your child's class is being covered by another teacher. On Mon 25th and Tues 26th Jan the Year 1 and Nursery teacher will be out and on Thur 4th and Fri 5th Feb the reception teachers will be out. It would be helpful if you could explain this to your children, especially if they find change difficult.

Zip Training

It would be really useful if parents could spend a few minutes helping their child/children practice zipping up their coats.

Parking

The owner of car reg DN13 HNV please do not to double park as parents were blocked in this morning which meant they were not able to get to work on time.

Star Awards

Well done to all the children who achieved awards today, they should be very proud of themselves.



Year 1 'All Dressed-Up' Topic Entry Day







