

Dear Parents,

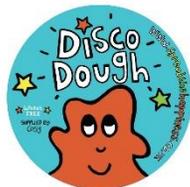
Welcome back!

We have begun a new topic this term: Space. We are planning a lot of science themed activities and lessons to support our topic. We have even decorated our classrooms:



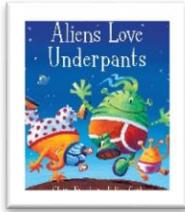
This term we are going to introduce Dough Disco every morning. This will give your children the chance to develop their fine motor strength and skills to help them hold a pencil. They will also be writing their names every morning using magnetic letters and whiteboard pens.

We will be using Spread The Happiness for our Dough Disco as well as dancing to our own music. Here is the YouTube link if you would like to have a go at home with your own play dough: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj0shfH3pzhrf3dOrSj\\_pRw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj0shfH3pzhrf3dOrSj_pRw)

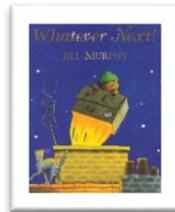


We will be reading a lot of alien and space stories such as:

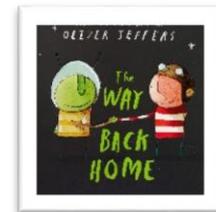
Aliens Love Underpants



Whatever Next



The Way Back Home



For the last week before Christmas half term we will be reading the Gingerbread Man.



Our main text is Whatever Next and we will be using story language and actions to retell the story. We will also be beginning to write, using our phase 2 phonic sounds, and we will make a list of items that we could take for a trip to the moon. We will then have a mini moon picnic in our classroom during snack time.

Mrs King's class will be enjoying forest schools every Wednesday this term and will continue this until the Christmas. Remember the children will be getting very wet and muddy so they will need waterproof coats, wellington boots and old clothes until then.



Please bring wellington boots and waterproofs in a separate bag as Mrs King's class will have PE first in the morning before forest schools in the afternoon.

Kind regards,

The Reception Team