



Owls' Class Newsletter- Term

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, we hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the cards, gifts and best wishes you gave to us at the end of last term. It was incredibly kind of you and very much appreciated by us all. We have another extremely busy term ahead of us and we are very excited to be starting another new and exciting topic with the children.

Best wishes,

Miss Holness, Mrs Branton & Mrs Wiffen

PE lessons will continue to take place every Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure that a full PE kit is in school ready for these sessions, this includes a pair of plimsolls.

Diary Dates

08.01.20- 'Creepy Claws' taster assembly
13.01.20- Bring your Manners to School Day
11.02.20- Safer Internet Day
13.02.20- Interim Reports sent home
14.02.20- Last Day of Term 3

Fancy a Challenge?

Why not try some of these activities to support your learning this term?

Topic

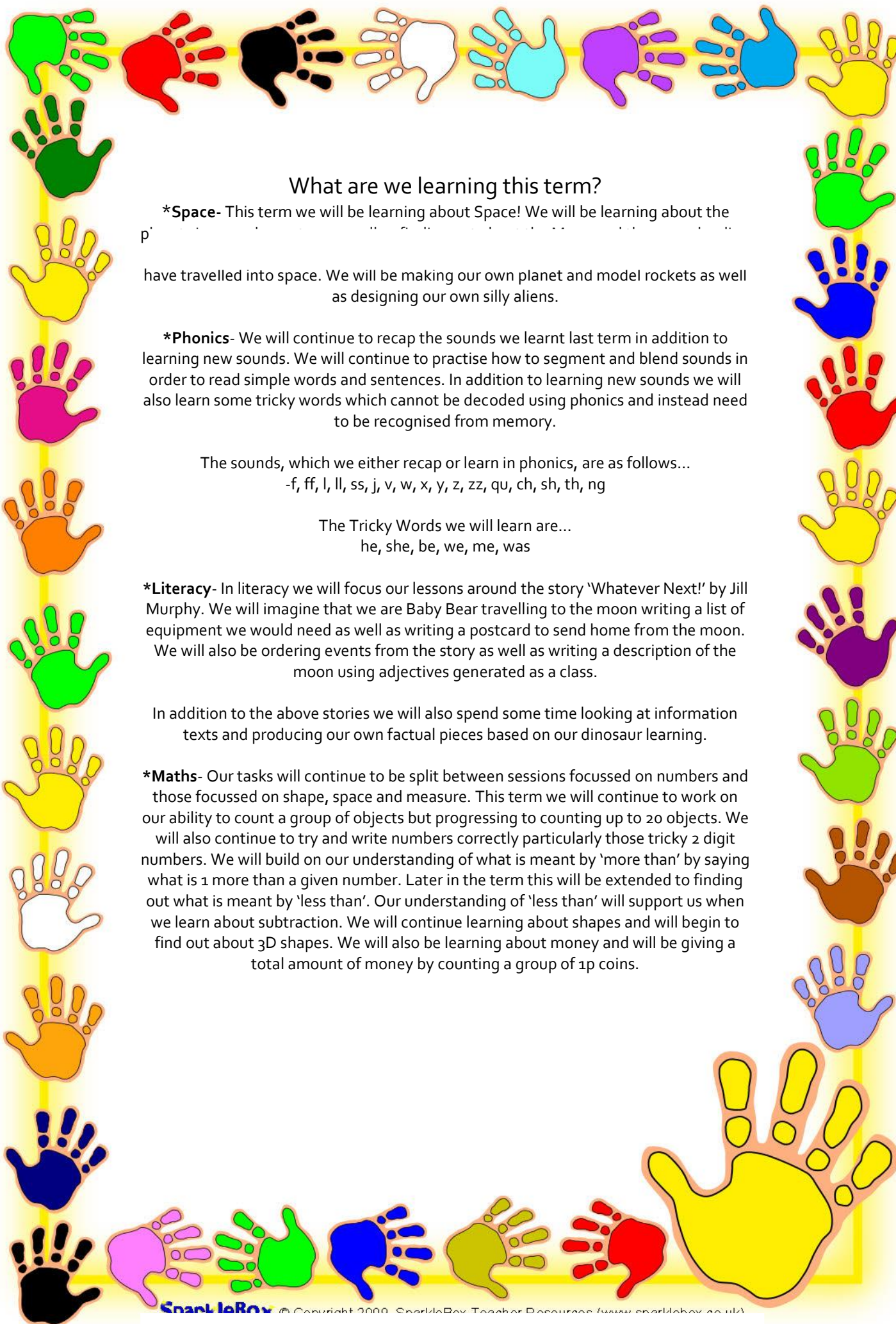
- Find out the names of different planets
- Look in a book or on the internet to find out three facts about Space
- Find out about the moon landing which happened in 1969

Literacy

- Practise writing a sentence; don't forget to leave a space in-between each word.
- Look at an information book about space. Are information books different to stories?
- Play 'Tell a T-Rex'. You can find this game in the literacy section of www.ictgames.co.uk

Maths

- Find things which are bigger or smaller than you are.
- Have a go at working out the answer to some addition number sentences. Don't forget that you can use objects for each number in the number sentence.
- Look at different coins and try and find out how much each one is worth.



What are we learning this term?

***Space-** This term we will be learning about Space! We will be learning about the planets in our solar system and the different types of spacecraft.

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***Phonics-** We will continue to recap the sounds we learnt last term in addition to learning new sounds. We will continue to practise how to segment and blend sounds in order to read simple words and sentences. In addition to learning new sounds we will also learn some tricky words which cannot be decoded using phonics and instead need to be recognised from memory.

The sounds, which we either recap or learn in phonics, are as follows...

-f, ff, l, ll, ss, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng

The Tricky Words we will learn are...

he, she, be, we, me, was

***Literacy-** In literacy we will focus our lessons around the story 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. We will imagine that we are Baby Bear travelling to the moon writing a list of equipment we would need as well as writing a postcard to send home from the moon. We will also be ordering events from the story as well as writing a description of the moon using adjectives generated as a class.

In addition to the above stories we will also spend some time looking at information texts and producing our own factual pieces based on our dinosaur learning.

***Maths-** Our tasks will continue to be split between sessions focussed on numbers and those focussed on shape, space and measure. This term we will continue to work on our ability to count a group of objects but progressing to counting up to 20 objects. We will also continue to try and write numbers correctly particularly those tricky 2 digit numbers. We will build on our understanding of what is meant by 'more than' by saying what is 1 more than a given number. Later in the term this will be extended to finding out what is meant by 'less than'. Our understanding of 'less than' will support us when we learn about subtraction. We will continue learning about shapes and will begin to find out about 3D shapes. We will also be learning about money and will be giving a total amount of money by counting a group of 1p coins.