



Nursery Weekly Newsletter - 12th November

Our super space explorer's were on an outer space mission this week. The children have been busy creating space pictures and telescopes, drawing aliens and watching a bubble show as part of some of our STEM week activities. Across the week we have also shared lots of space related stories including our story of the week 'Look Up' by Nathan Bryon and some non-fiction books about the solar system too.

On Thursday we spoke about Remembrance Day and created our own poppies using different media. The children had the choice of oil pastels, tissue paper, paints and pens when making a poppy. We will be adding the children's art work to our learning journey in the classroom.

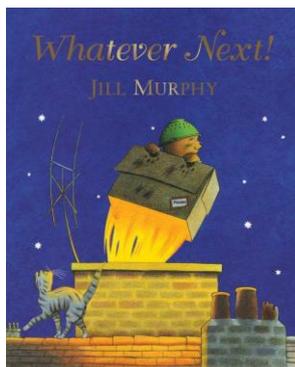
Please see below a brief summary of what your child will be up to at school next week as well as a few reminders. If you have any questions, please email office.hisn@hpp.school and we will try and get back to you as quickly as possible.

Week beginning 15th November

- The children were so engaged whilst exploring our space theme last week so we are going to continue on with it again next week.
- In phonics we have been working on our listening skills. We have been focusing on general sound discrimination and in particular tuning in to environmental sounds. Next week we will be going on a listening walk around the Nursery and identifying what sounds we can hear around us.
- In maths we have been learning about colours. We have been working on naming and recognising colours and the children enjoyed going on a colour hunt. We have also been learning how to sort objects according to their colour too.

We will also be continuing to focus on:

- Recapping rules and routines in our classroom/garden
- Taking responsibility for our belongings and where things belong in our environment
- Managing our toileting needs independently
- Learning how to use our words to express our feelings and needs
- Developing our friendships across the Nursery



Our Story of the Week will be 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. We will be retelling the story using small world props and thinking about what we would pack if we were to go on a space adventure to the moon. The children will also have the opportunity to record these ideas whilst creating their own lists in our mark marking provision.

Some important information and reminders:



- **Borrow a Book:** We have now started our 'Borrow and Book' scheme with the children and hope they are enjoying taking home a book to share with you at home. Please spend time looking at this book with your child, talking about the images/story and reading to them. Please ensure the book is **returned to Nursery every Thursday** so that we can provide your child with a new book each Friday. Please also ensure that your child does not put their water bottle in their book bag as this can cause damage to the books we are sending home.
- **Spare change of clothes:** We are running low on the spare clothes we have sent home when children have needed to be changed. Please ensure that they are washed and returned to us as soon as possible. Thank you.
- **Space themed toys:** As we are continuing to learn all about space this week, we would love any donations of space toys. If you have spare space rockets, astronauts or moon buggies we would greatly appreciate them.
- **End of the day pick up** - We ask that when you are collecting your child you wait along the wall beside the Nursery gate and then move over to the railings when the child you are collecting has been called so that they can clearly see the adult picking them up. This helps us to ensure that the end of session dismissal runs smoothly and the children find their adult with ease.

Please ensure you drop your child off on time at the start of the Nursery session as this is key to helping them settle for the morning/afternoon and is important when helping your child adapt to the Nursery routines.

Things to bring to school:

- **A pair of wellies** - we ask that each child bring a pair of wellies to school (labelled with their name) which will be left at Nursery so that during the wet months the children have appropriate footwear whilst in the garden.
- **Water bottles** - please make sure these are named and are filled with water instead of juice. We ask that the children do not put these into their book bags as they may damage any letters, pictures or books which may be inside.
- **Raincoat** - just a little reminder that your child comes to school with a coat, (even if it is a pack-a-mack!).
- **Red School Book bag**

Please ensure all items listed above are clearly labelled

- **Milk List:** At snack time, there is an option for your child to have milk. If you would like your child to be on the milk list, please go to the 'Cool Milk' website and register your child. If you register before 5pm on a Tuesday, your child will start receiving milk from the following week. Please follow this link for more information: <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>