

This term the children in Reception will be learning about:

- Space and travel
- How things work
- Making 3D junk models
- Using language to describe position e.g. on, under and over equipment
- Winter
- Chinese New Year
- Healthy Eating



We will have a visit from a pilot, who will talk to us about his job and what it involves.



We will also have a visit from a local musician. He will bring in his guitar and we will learn some songs to sing with him. This will then turn into a mini music festival which we will be inviting parents to see.



# Literacy and Phonics

As Sandown encourages children to 'read widely and more often', we continue to encourage you to read at least 5 times a week at home with your child. The reading Dojos your child receives on a Wednesday will reflect this. Children who are awarded Reading Bug in Funky Friday Assembly need to be reading at home regularly and showing positive reading behaviours in school.

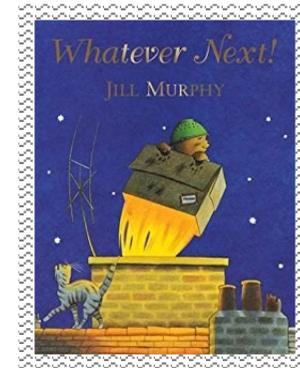
With this focus in mind we have our own Reception Reading Area within our environment for children to access daily. The children are involved in selecting books for the book area and finding books linked to our class text e.g. other books written by Jill Murthy or books about space/bears. We have created a cosy reading space, a table space for those that prefer to read at a table, a listening station area and a role-play area based around our book of the week.

This term in Phonics we will continue to introduce new sounds and apply them within our reading and writing, continuing to focus on correct letter formation and name writing. All phonics groups will be reading simple words or short sentences or phrases.

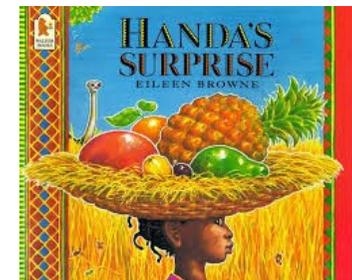


## Reception Term 3 2019

# Reach For The Stars



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# Maths

In Maths this term we will continue to explore numbers 0-10 by using different variations to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will be focusing on children's verbalisation and their ability to explain and reason with their answers.

We will also be investigating names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes and making comparisons between different heights and distances. Please continue to support your child's fluency at home by completing their weekly fluency Home



Learning tasks.

## Investigation

This term we will be exploring why things happen and how things work. The children will be encouraged to be curious by asking questions, investigating and explaining their findings. They will begin to make links between environments e.g. gravity on Earth and have the opportunity to bring in an electronic toy from home to talk about how it works.



# Reach For The Stars

Our first story this term, Whatever Next, is about a bear who collects together some supplies and ventures to the moon. We will be bringing the story to life by retelling it through role-play, using story language. We will be using the story setting to begin to discuss and investigate space. Children will have the opportunity to become an astronaut in our space station, navigate our moon obstacles, explore the concepts of distance and height and be creative in making rockets and aliens. We will be talking about our aspirations and 'reaching for the stars'.



## Handa's Surprise

Our first story this term, 'Handa's Surprise', is about a little girl who lives in Africa. She sets off on a journey to see her friend but has a surprising discovery on her arrival. The children will be bringing the story to life by retelling it through role-play, using story language. They will explore the setting of the story, which is in the continent of Africa. Children will have the opportunity to make African instruments and run their own 'fruit and veg shop'.



# Parent Events

## Maths Party

This term we will be holding two Maths Parties to cater for parents that would prefer a session after school. During the party you will get an insight into Maths at Sandown, discuss the end of Reception expectations for Number and Shape, Space and Measure and play Maths games with the children.

During the Maths Party we will be selling Maths Party Bags for a small donation.

**Tuesday 22nd January -9:00-10:00am**

**Wednesday 30th January - 4:15-5:00pm**



## Music festival

We will be holding a Music festival for Parents on **Wednesday 6th March at 2:30pm**. The children will have the chance to hear some music from a local musician. The children will then be singing songs they have learnt to parents to showcase their talent!

## Home Learning Celebration

The next Home Learning Celebration will be held over terms 3 and 4. The date of the