



BUTTERFLIES

NEWSLETTER



TERM 4

St Mary's Primary School Writhlington

TOPIC: SPACE

Welcome to Term 4- we hope you had a wonderful half term break!

We will be learning about SPACE this term, and we have lots of learning planned around rockets, planets and aliens



BUTTERFLY PROMISES

To use; listening ears, looking eyes, hands up, kind words and super sitting!

READING

Thank you for your support with reading at home. Please continue to aim to listening to your child read **every day** and record this in their **reading records**. Doing this helps to stimulate imagination and expands their understanding of the world. Try pointing to the pictures and discussing what they see.

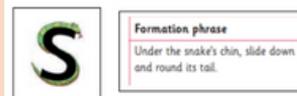


More wonderful learning

LITERACY

We will begin this term by exploring a non-fiction book called '**Blast Off!**' They will also explore many other books such as, **Aliens love underpants, Whatever next?** and **the Easter Story**.

The children have learn all of their 'formation phrases' for example:



Please practice any sounds you notice your child needs support with at home.

Maths



This term, our Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF) is **to be able to count to and back from 20**. This involves counting up and back confidently by using objects, number lines or moving to count.

We will work 1:1 with your child on their learning step at least once a week. It is important they feel confident with their maths learning.

Top tips

- **Tricky words:** Keep practicing their tricky words at home and remember, these can only be read by sight.
- Practice your child's **Math's learning step** that is in their reading record.



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There's More?

ALL OTHER LEARNING

In **Music** this term, children will be learning to listen to and appraise a variety of songs. They will learn familiar songs and sing plenty of nursery rhymes each day.

In **PE** they will be practicing their *Fundamental Skills*. Through different themes such as Space Explorers, they will practice balancing, running and stopping and much more.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) will be where the children learn about "*Healthy Me.*" Children will explore healthy food choices, ways to move our bodies and exercise and the importance of sleep.

Our **RE** topic this term is called: "What is Easter?" They will begin by understanding the signs of spring and then learning in depth about the Easter Story.



Dates to Remember

Please engage with the school newsletter to receive the important dates for each term.

Reminders



Children will need to wear their PE kit to school on **Mondays** this term please! We will be outside where possible so proper trainers or daps will be required, whilst also having layers if they are required.

Children in Butterflies spend lots of time learning outdoors, so please ensure they have a pair of wellies (labelled!) and a waterproof coat or suit that can be left at school.



Phonics Support

Butterflies have really impressed me with their learning of the phase 2 and 3 sounds. We assess regularly to identify gaps in knowledge and some children take part in 'Keep Up' which happens about 3 to 4 times weekly to ensure they keep up with the phonics scheme in class. If you would like to know if your child is a part of this, please just ask.