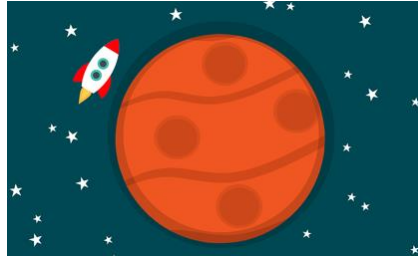


# BLAST OFF!

## Space, Planets and Aliens



### Some of the stories we will be sharing:

Zim Zam Zoom by James Carter  
Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman  
Night Time Usborne Books by Laura Cowan  
How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers  
Laura's Star by Klaus Baumgart  
The Nativity and other Christmas stories

### Understanding the World

We will be:

- Talking about the things we have observed in our lifetime, such as:
  - experiences (holidays, celebrations)
  - objects (souvenirs, gifts and handmade)
  - living things (animals, plants, humans)

### Expressive Arts

We will be:

- Using different media to produce artwork, such as:
  - Firework pictures
  - Christmas creations
  - Wintery artwork

### Maths

We will be:

- Securing our knowledge of numbers up to 5 (composition and number bonds)
- Understanding the language of “more than” and “fewer than”.
- Looking at the ‘part whole model’ – how a whole number, can be made up of different parts.

### Literacy

We will be:

- Revising the sounds we have already learnt.
- Practising writing the initial sounds in the words we can say and hear.
- Learning to sequence the sounds we know to write simple words.
- Practising our letter forms to be legible.

### **You can support your child's learning this term by...**

- Reading with them at least 3 times a week and recording this in their reading record.
- Helping your child to recognise and write their name.
- Singing counting songs, nursery rhymes and Christmas carols.
- Sharing books and stories with your child and checking their understanding.
  - Helping your child to count objects and look for numbers around you.

### Communication and Language

We will be:

- Rehearsing and performing our Nativity, which will involve:
  - learning lines
  - performing to an audience
- Building our vocabulary to reflect our feelings and lived experiences.

### Physical Development

We will be:

- Discussing good practises to keep ourselves healthy and hygienic, such as:
  - brushing our teeth
  - eating a balanced diet
  - getting enough sleep
  - drinking water
  - taking care of our bodies
- Perfecting our pencil grip so that we can write comfortably and appropriately.

### Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will be:

- Continuing to learn how to regulate our emotions (e.g. upset, cross, overwhelmed).
- Discussing how our own actions can affect other people.
- Gaining self-confidence and resilience to perform publicly in front of an audience.