



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



Topic : The Moon and Space

Spring Term : 8th January - 16th February 2018

Our RE topic is: *'Getting To Know Jesus'*

We will be looking at :

- The moon and planets.
- Space travel.
- How astronauts survive in space.
- How we can help other people.
- What happens in space (we will have a space role play area).
- In Maths, we are learning 2D and 3D shape names and colours. Full time children are counting, writing and using numbers to 20+ and learning simple addition.
- In Language and Literacy, we are concentrating on writing our own names independently, copy writing carefully, practising our letter sounds, formation and reading. Full time children are learning to use their knowledge of letter sounds to help them with their independent writing, also copying writing from a separate source onto their own paper; keeping their writing small and neat.



You Can Help Your Child By :

- Talking about space.
- Looking at the night sky and stars.
- Looking at books about space.
- We are working on numbers 10-20, writing, counting and adding to these numbers.
- Also for full time children please practise counting in 2s and 10s.
- We will introduce simple addition :

$$1 + 2 =$$

For + we use the terms; add, plus, and

For = we use the terms; equals, makes, makes altogether, is



- Practising letter sounds, letter names and reading words and books for a short while every day - it does make a difference. If children are not willing and are getting upset, coax, but don't push. Sometimes a star chart is a good idea, with a star for practising and a small prize or treat after 10 stars. A little, often and keeping it **fun** is very important.

Please return your homework bags with folder and sound book on Wednesdays, so that we can add new work and put in new sounds.

Please also remember to return your child's reading book (full time children) on the day stated and make a comment in the Home Reading Record, so that we know your child has read the book and needs a new one.



Full-time children bring home Oxford Reading Tree books; these are the same books as the children read in school. We read the book at school, discuss it, then it is brought home that night so that it can be practised with you throughout the week. When your child has read to you, please ask them questions about the story and the characters, to make sure they understand what they have read.

Please record any practise you do, in the Reading Record, then make sure the book, reading record and bag are returned on your child's reading day. If the book is not returned, we cannot read. The teacher will also comment in the same record, so that there is communication between home and school about your child's progress.

The Early Years Unit staff are grateful for your support and hard work helping your children with their schoolwork; it makes a big difference to their achievement in school. A little, often, and keeping it fun is very important.

Thank you for the gifts of tissues for the Unit and for remembering your 50p baking money each week, it really does help us to offer a varied and exciting curriculum to the children, especially this term. Also don't forget your 50p a week for The Children's Recreational Fund.

To help their independence, we would be grateful if children could hang their coat on their peg themselves and find their own card. It helps children to recognise their name and find their coat as they need it.

If you have any questions regarding anything in the Unit, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you

The Early Years Unit Staff

