

Our Week In Reception

Friday 19th November 2021

N E W H A L L

We have had a fantastic week continuing our learning about Space. This week we have been focusing on rockets and how we would get to space. The children have loved watching rockets take off and designing and making our own rockets. We know all about rocket boosters, fuel tanks and how they float back to Earth.



We also had our first turn with the VR headsets. We went on a trip to Mars and saw the Rover exploring the surface. We explored the moon and could see Earth a long way in the distance. The VR headsets let us take a virtual 3D trip.

In maths we have been focusing on number 5 and different representations of it. We are learning to recognise it in different ways and where it fits in the number line. We are learning fun facts about number 5. The reason we do a 'high five' is so all our fingers touch. There are 5 arms on a starfish. An earthworm has 5 hearts. Basketball is played with 5 players on a team. When there are 5 musicians in a band they are called a quintet. There are 5 senses.

This week we have been learning all about what else is in the sky. We looked at some pieces of art painted by some famous artists like Vincent Van Gogh and Chesney Bonestell. We looked at the backgrounds of the paintings and the different things in the foreground of the pictures like the land and buildings. We read a story called "Papa, please get me the moon" about a father who fetches the moon for his daughter by using a long ladder. We focussed on paintings on this story making a starry night and moon scene. We made the different elements of our paintings in phases by painting, sticking and using a photograph. First we painted the backgrounds, we used dark colours to paint the dark night ready for the moon. We made sure we didn't leave any of the paper white as there is no white in the night sky! Next we used foil to print a paint moon. We scrunched the foil up to give it texture and make it look like the craters on the moon. We took a photo stretching up so it looks like we are reaching for the moon, just like Imani in the story! Finally, we made our ladders out of lollipop sticks. We had to stick them together using PVA glue as this is stronger than Pritt Stick. We made two longer pieces and then put some lollipop sticks across to make the ladder. We assembled our masterpieces and they looked beautiful! We are so proud of our work!

—The Reception Team—Miss Gooch, Miss Maddams, Mrs Matthews and Ms Watson

Just a few reminders...

- Polite reminder school gates will shut at 8.50am promptly so we can start our learning. If you arrive after 8.50am please take your child to the office.
- Please remember there are only 2 spaces for each child during the Christmas Nativity.