

Bitterns Parent Plan – Space



Home learning:

We would love all Bitterns to be reading regularly at home. Please remember to keep a note every time you read together in your child's communication book so we can keep track of their progress. Books you may like to share include *Whatever Next*, by Jill Murphy or *Look Inside: Space* by Rob Lloyd-Jones. Websites you may like to explore together include *National Geographic Kids* or *Google Moon*. To support the children's phonics, we will tell you the sounds we have been learning, so you can work on reading and writing these at home too. If you have any useful resources or know of anyone from the world of Space, please get in touch, as we would love to invite them in! Thank you for your ongoing interest and support. Miss Layton and Mrs Fawkes.

As geographers Bitterns will investigate and question...

- The similarities and differences between the Earth and the Moon.
- What on Earth can we see from space?
- What might I find if I spent a day walking on the moon?

As musicians Bitterns will listen to and think about...

- Holst's *The Planets* and start to think about how we could compose our own pieces of music.
- Which is our favourite piece of music and why?

As historians Bitterns will research influential men and women throughout the history of space and ask...

- How did the exploration of space begin?
- How many people have travelled in space?
- Who were the great astronomers?



Bitterns will learn and develop their knowledge in RE by discussing...

- The Christian Story of Creation
- Who made the world?

As authors Bitterns will focus on...

- Our Phonics and SPAG that are taught throughout the week, focusing on reading, writing and spelling skills.
- Discussing the books we have read linked to our topic and making predictions.
- We will also be continuing to practice our cursive handwriting.

As artists and designers Bitterns will explore...

- Artists inspired by space and the night sky such as Georgia O'Keefe's *Starlight Night* and Edvard Munch's *Starry Night*.
What the night sky really looks like and what colours/textures we associate with Space.



As computing scientists Bitterns will learn how to...

- Use technology safely.
- Code and debug programmes.
- Use the Internet to research facts on our Space topic.
- Use the I-Pads to present our learning and findings.