Greenfinch Class have made a wonderful start back to school and we have an exciting term of learning adventures ahead of us!

Our topic this term is ‘New Frontiers’ which explores the oceans, seas and space. We have some fabulous key texts to read which include ‘The Snail and The Whale’ by Julia Donaldson, ‘A House for Hermit The Crab’ by Eric Carle and a ‘How to Catch a Star’ by Oliver Jeffers.

We will be learning about oceans and seas during the first half term and space in the second half term.

In Understanding The World, we will learn about humans and other animals, focusing on animals who live in the oceans and seas around the world. The children will also develop their knowledge of the oceans of the world and space, looking closely at these environments.

We will be immersing ourselves in these exciting topics in Expressive Arts and Design by combining different materials to make ocean animals, planets and space rockets! We will also learn about the art of Eric Carle and use similar techniques and tools to create our own pieces of work. In music, the children will join in with different songs and develop skills to use musical instruments to tap out simple rhythms.

In People and Communities, we will learn about the importance of Easter for Christians and build an Easter Garden as part of developing a reflection garden at St. Peter’s.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) the children will develop the confidence to try new activities and talk about themselves and their skills positively. As part of Physical Development the children will be developing their fine motor skills by developing correct letter and number formation. We will build gross motor skills in PE lessons through catching, throwing and kicking as well as dance.

In literacy, we will be exploring a range of stories and the children will begin to apply their phonics more independently in their writing. We will also begin Phase 3 phonics.

In mathematics we will be exploring length, weight, capacity and time as well as naming 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be practicing careful counting and combining amounts.

To compliment lots of areas of learning, the children will develop their programming skills using a range of apps and computer programmes this term.

We will be making the most of our outdoor classroom and exploring the world with our senses in our mud kitchen, bug hotel, water tray and sand pit. We will be developing active learning and creative thinking.

We always appreciate help in school so if anyone is able to come and read with the Reception children or volunteer in the classroom, it would be greatly appreciated! Please talk me if you are able to help. If you have any questions about this term’s topic or your child in general, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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