Autumn Term September 2026

Astronaut Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday filled with fun, family time, and plenty of adventures. We are delighted to welcome our children and families back for another exciting year in Early Years. We look forward to seeing familiar faces again and warmly welcoming those joining us for the first time. Together, we are ready for a year of learning, discovery, creativity, and growth.

We are delighted to be introducing our new phonics programme across the school this term. The children have already begun exploring their first phonics activities, and we are excited to see their confidence and skills develop throughout the year. We will keep you updated on their progress and share helpful information along the way. Please keep an eye on Tapestry, where we will be posting further details as the children settle into the programme.

In Maths, we will be focusing on developing early number skills through counting, subitising (recognising quantities without counting), and using mathematical vocabulary correctly. The children will explore these concepts through a variety of focused activities and play-based learning opportunities. Songs, rhymes, games, and practical experiences will be used to support understanding and make learning fun and engaging.

This term, our whole-school theme is 'Conflict'**.** In Astronauts, we will be exploring this in a gentle and age-appropriate way through stories, discussions, role play, and everyday experiences. We will focus on themes such as friendships, family relationships, emotions, and understanding different perspectives. The children will learn how to recognise and talk about their feelings, develop empathy for others, and practise positive ways to resolve disagreements. Through a range of carefully chosen books and activities, we will encourage kindness, cooperation, and respectful communication, helping children to build the foundations for healthy relationships both in school and beyond.

This theme links closely to our Personal, Social and Emotional Development curriculum, supporting children as they grow in confidence, resilience, and understanding of the world around them.

Thank you for your support.

Weekly Events and Announcements

- Wednesday PE
- Come and Play Session **Tuesday 20th October 2.15-3pm**

The children will be bringing home a reading and spelling record, please could this be returned to school every day.

Please encourage your child to read at home at least 3 times a week and record it in their reading diary.

We will begin some exciting visits later this term, to give the children a rich wider curriculum experience. We will be visiting the library; Beach Club will commence and some Intergenerational learning at St Barnabas care home. More information to follow shortly.