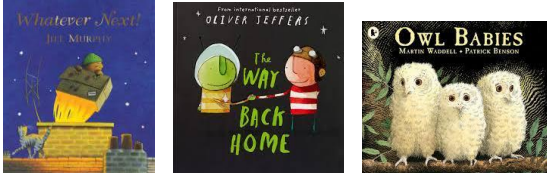


## Reception - January - February 2024

### Adventure in Space!



Our theme this half term is all about space, darkness and nocturnal animals. We will start our theme by reading the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. We will learn how real astronauts go into space and have been on the moon. We will write letters to real astronauts, to find out about what life is like in space. We will focus on animals that come out at night, such as owls, foxes and mice learning facts about these by looking at non-fiction texts.



Most children now have a good recall of letter sounds and are starting to confidently blend and segment words. We will be sending home more reading books this half term. The first books are very short so please read them every day with your child.

#### Top tips:

Find a quiet time and place to read together.

Look at the front cover discuss the title and pictures - discuss what you think the book is about.

Read the book together, looking at the pictures and the words and talking about what is happening.

Most importantly enjoy this time together!

Children will play outside every day, regardless of the weather. Please make sure they bring their coat and have a hat, scarf and gloves with them. Please support your child to put these items on independently.



#### **Stay and Read**

We will be beginning our stay and read sessions on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January. These sessions will then run every Friday morning, 8.55-9.20am. We are looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible at these sessions. More information to follow.



Our focus this half term safety. The children will learn how to stay safe indoors and outdoors, considering different weathers. They will learn how to stay safe whilst online, including many forms of digital technology. This is all part of our 'S' in SCARF and children demonstrating this at school will receive merit stamps on their chart.