

Our Amazing Planet!



Belamy Class
Autumn Term 2 2025



Topic Information

This term in Belamy Class, our topic is Our Amazing Planet! We will be learning all about space, the Earth, and the incredible solar system we live in. We'll start by finding out that we live on a planet called Earth — a very special place made up of land, water, and air. We'll learn about how the Sun, a big, bright star, gives us light and heat to help everything grow and stay warm. The children will discover that Earth moves around the Sun, and this movement helps to make day and night. When our part of the Earth faces the Sun, it's daytime, and when it turns away, it becomes night-time. As we explore further into space, we'll find out that there is no oxygen for us to breathe and that there is less gravity, which means astronauts can float! We'll also learn about the other planets that share our solar system and how each one is different. We will finish the year learning about Christmas and performing a Christmas Nativity.

Literacy

We will be consolidating our Set 1 sounds and beginning to blend sounds to read and segment to spell simple CVC words. The children will continue to build their confidence in using their phonics to read and write independently.

Our main focus text will be *The Darkest Dark* by Chris Hadfield, which will inspire us to think about space, bravery, and following our dreams. Our Super Six books this term will include *Astro girl* and *Stardust*, which will spark our imaginations and help us explore what life might be like as an astronaut.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths we will be learning about numbers 4 & 5, learn the 5 'ness' of 5, what makes 5, and how it can be split into different groups but that the total is always 5. We will begin to learn our number bonds. Furthermore, we will learn about basic 2D shapes, naming them and describing their properties.

Communication & Language

Speaking- We will form sounds correctly and focus on how we shape our mouths to pronounce them.

Listening and attention- We will listen to stories and begin to retell them. We will begin to answer questions about the stories we listen to.

Understanding- We will begin to answer how and why questions in relation to our topic.

Physical development

In P.E will begin to work with others, take turns and share resources.

We will climb aboard our rockets ships and take a journey to the moon. Once landed we will explore moving around the moon using slow high knees and swinging the opposite arm and then jumping movements, swinging our arms backwards, bending our knees and jumping. Landing on two feet with bent knees. We will extend this by jumping forwards, backwards, left and right.

Personal, Social and Emotional

We will follow our SCARF scheme and learn about valuing difference.

We will begin by looking at what makes us unique and special, focusing on how we look and our features.

We will then investigate how we are different to others in the class. From the way we look, the things we like/ dislike to our different families. The unit will culminate in sessions focused on how we are kind, caring and good friends to everyone.

Understanding the World

We will learn about the world and our place in it; we will focus on what makes our world special and how we can care for it before looking at its place in the wider universe. We will learn about different celebrations for religious beliefs.

Religious Education

As theologians we will answering the question; 'What is Church and who goes there? We will visit St James' Church and explore the features of a church. We will speak to our Reverend about who attends the church.

Expressive arts and Design

As artists we will hand print poppies for remembrance. We will learn how to access the art and DT materials independently to create our own works of art.

SMSC & Values

Our Value of the term is "Respect"

We will consolidate our learning of the school core values and parable.