

Year R Classroom News

Spring Term 1 — February 2026

Reception

Our topic this half term has been **'Space'**

We have been learning lots of information about space and astronauts. We learnt about the first moon landing and about how astronauts eat, drink and sleep in space.



We have been learning the names of different planets and facts about them. The planets song has helped us to order the planets and we used non-fiction books to find out different facts. Did you know that Venus is the hottest planet in the solar system?

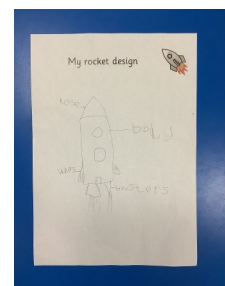
We have been exploring the work of the artist Van Gogh and his painting "Starry Night." We practised making swirl patterns using different media and sketching outlines of different shapes. We then put them together to create our own space themed starry night pictures.



We received a letter from Spaceman Spencer asking for help to design him a new rocket.

First, we drew and labelled our designs and then were joined by parents and carers to help to build them.

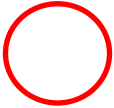
Thank you for joining us, we hope you had fun!



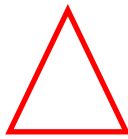
Maths

We have been learning about 2D shapes and their properties.

A circle has a curved side



A triangle has 3 sides



A square has 4 sides that are the same

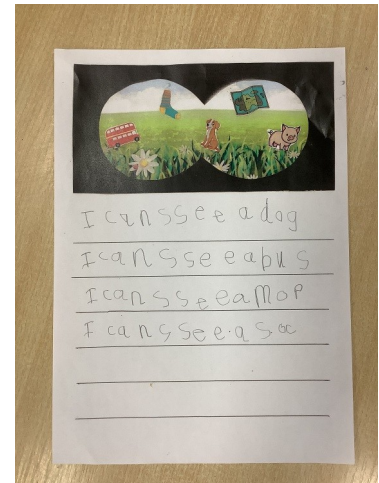
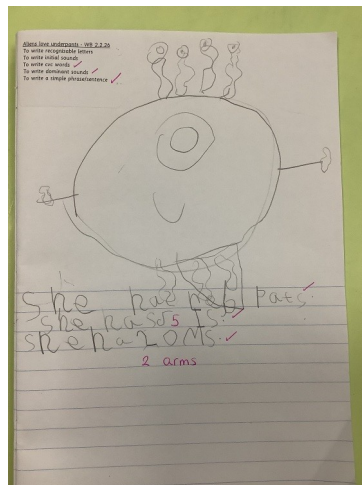


A rectangle has 4 sides and 4 corners



Writing

We have been enjoying more stories in drawing club. We have used the sentence openers **It is a...** and **I can see a...** to write simple sentences.



Other events this half term

We have been looking at changes that happen during Winter. We wrapped up warm and went on a walk through the school grounds to see what signs we could find.

Ice

We also explored ice and described how it felt. We observed what happened to it when it was left in the classroom.

It is melting, it's getting smaller!

It is cold and slippery!



It's making my hands wet!

Mental Health Week

We talked about what it means to belong and how we are all a part of Nathaniel Newton Infant School. During this week we took part in different activities that made us feel loved and accepted.

Internet Safety

Technology is a wonderful tool that we use everyday. We have been talking about how to use technology safely, and what to do if we see something we are not sure about - *tell a grown up!*

We enjoyed sharing a story and making internet protector wristbands to help us to remember how to stay safe.

**Thank you for your continued support.
We look forward to seeing the children after half term.**