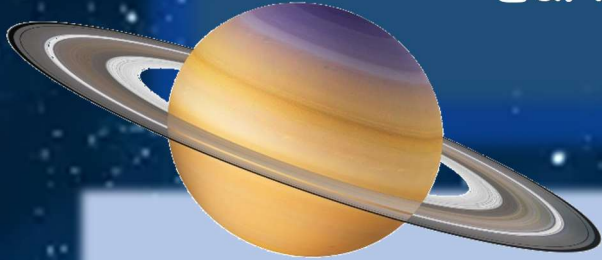


# Early Years Spring Term Newsletter 2026

## Starry Night!



### Maths

The focus this term is consolidating numbers to 5 and also learning numbers 6, 7 and 8. The children will be learning to represent these numbers, look at composition as well as exploring pairs and doubles. They will also be looking at addition and combining two groups to find the total. The children will learn to record calculations including using the correct mathematical symbols. During this term, the children will begin to learn about mass and capacity as well as exploring and comparing length and height.

### Writing

This term there will be a greater focus on the children's hand writing. We will practise letter formation daily to help the children form letters correctly. As they consolidate their Phase 2 sounds and learn new Phase 3 sounds and digraphs, they will begin to apply this knowledge in their writing. The children will be encouraged to write the sounds they hear in the correct order when writing words. They will also begin composing and writing simple sentences. Throughout the term, the children will write captions and facts, as well as create books and posters linked to our weekly *Starry Night* topics.

### Phonics and Reading

This term the children will begin learning Phase 3 sounds, which include a wider range of digraphs. Each day a new digraph will be introduced, and the children will take part in games to help consolidate their learning. Please continue to read with your child at home, using both their Bug Club books and favourite stories. This helps to extend their vocabulary and develop their understanding of how language works. It is also important to check your child's understanding by talking about the book together after they have read it. We will also continue to learn high-frequency words and tricky words, including Phase 3 tricky words (words that cannot be sounded out). Learning these will help improve the children's fluency and confidence when reading.

### Understanding the World

The children will be learning all about space throughout this term. They will explore the differences between day and night, what happens when we sleep, nocturnal animals, dreams, and the stars and planets. We will share the story *The BFG*, create our own dream jars, and learn interesting facts about nocturnal animals. The children will also explore journeys into space and learn about famous astronauts and their roles. They will read a range of space-themed books to capture their attention and imagination, alongside completing lots of creative, space-inspired arts and crafts activities.