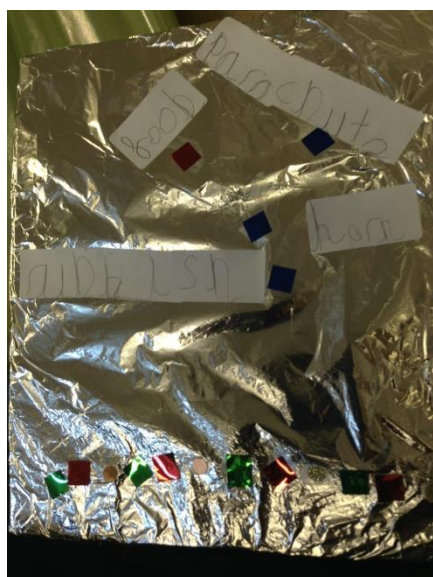
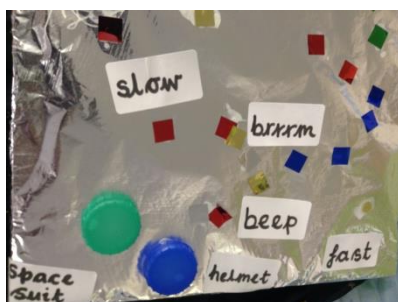


Our children have all made a fantastic start to the term, with lots of fun finding out about space and the solar system. We have built the international space station, and have been making all sorts of control panels and buttons inside to make it function. We have also been packing to go to space and watching the astronauts in the space station living their daily life in the BBC video clips. Our topic this term is not Forest Fun as the newsletter says, but Wonderful World, learning all about space and the weather.



The international space station and our fabulous control panels.



Literacy: As well as writing the labels for our controls, we have been making lists of the equipment we might need in space, using our knowledge of sounds and letters to write the words. We are also working hard on initial sounds, beginning with m,a,s,d,t and finding objects which begin with these sounds. All the children are enjoying hunting for sounds and finding the correct letter to put them on.

Reception are now reading short stories in phonics and writing their own sentences based on the story they have read. Please practice your child's reading book at home and send it into school every day with them.

Reception children also have some tricky words to learn in their bags in a little pencil case. These are words we use often which cannot be sounded out and read phonetically. Learn them by looking at them one at a time and saying the word without sounding it out. These also need to come to school every day.



Mathematics: This week we have been looking at shapes and making lovely rocket pictures from squares, circles, triangles and rectangles. We found matching shapes in all different sizes to make our rockets and looked carefully at all the different parts of a rocket to see what we needed.

We have also been looking at number 1. We made collections of only 1 object and looked at the numeral for one. Then we tried finding one more or one less.

In our rocket we have been counting back from 10 to 1 to blast off. This is an important skill for subtraction and also very fun for the children to do.



We found only one ladybird at forest school last week.

Help at Home: Our PE lessons are now on Fridays. Even if your child is not in school on a Friday, please can they practise dressing and undressing by themselves as they are expected to do this and it can come as a shock. We do of course help them if they get stuck, but this is an important life skill. If your child dresses themselves completely independently, please let me know and they can have a reward at school.

Also try finding objects that begin with a particular sound, especially one that we have been learning. If you find some, email a picture to myself or Kathy and we will share it with the class. Please make sure you use lower case letters with your children, not capitals, as this can be confusing when they first start to read and write.

Other News..... Forest School was great fun this week, playing in the big yew trees in the churchyard and finding lots of exciting treasures. Some of our children were new to Forest School and they all enjoyed exploring and spending time out of doors.



Next Week..... PE is every Friday now and the children need a school PE kit which can be sourced online from the uniform company. In the meantime, just shorts and a t shirt and some sand shoes will do the job.

