

Core School Value this term	Enrichment	Parental Involvement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Courage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library Visit</li> <li>Space Theme Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class Dojo – following class stories, providing input on their child’s Pupil Portfolios</li> <li>Reading and Home Learning</li> </ul>

**Sapphire Class – Term 3**

**Personal, Social & Emotional Development**

This term our focus is on developing our listening skills and understanding how to follow instructions carefully. We are also exploring food choices. We are learning how to express our needs and wants using the phrase; ‘Please may I ...’ and understanding how to respond to this request when our friends say it to us.

**Communication & Language**

We are learning to join ideas, make connections and offer explanations. We are learning to articulate thoughts & ideas in well-formed sentences, including words such as because, so, but. We are also practising how to use past, present, future tenses.

**Physical Development**

Through outdoor play and PE sessions, children will learn to negotiate space and change direction. They will be exploring the movements that different parts of their body can make and how to do so with control. Children will be developing greater control with mark-making equipment and simple tools such as scissors.

**Literacy**

This term we are continuing to consolidate the set 1 alphabet sounds and introducing the ‘special friends’: sh, th, ch, ck, nk, ng. We are using our oral blending skills to read simple words and short phrases. We will be introducing some ‘exception’ words - these are words which cannot be sounded and blended, we just have to learn them by sight. We are beginning to write simple words using our Fred Fingers.

**Maths**

In maths, we are consolidating numbers 0-5 and beginning to explore 6,7, 8. We are learning to recognise small groups of objects by sight and to explain how we know. We are learning about doubles, odds, evens, and also mass and capacity.

**Understanding the World**

This term we are linking our learning to Space Exploration. We are thinking about who we are, what we like, and what we would like to be in the future. We will be learning about the people who have been important in the past, thinking about astronauts, rockets, the moon and space travel.

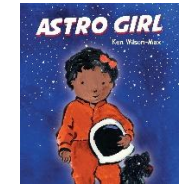
**Expressive Art & Design**

In music we will be exploring the theme of transport. We will be developing our junk-modelling skills and learning how to select, join and shape materials. Through story-telling and role-play we will be exploring new language relating to our topic of space.

**Religious Education**

This term we are finding out about stories of the New Testament and what they can tell us about why Jesus is special to Christians.

**Our Core Book**



Astrid has loved the stars and space for as long as she can remember. "I want to be an astronaut!" she says to everyone who will listen.

While her mama is away, Astrid and her papa have fun acting out the challenges an astronaut faces on a space mission -- like being in zero gravity, eating special space food, and doing science experiments in the kitchen. When at last it's time to meet Mama at the air base, Astrid wears her favourite space T-shirt to greet her. But where exactly has Mama been?