

**Welcome to Reception**  
**Miss Spencer, Mrs Hamidi and**  
**Mrs Birkenshaw**  
**February – April 2026**

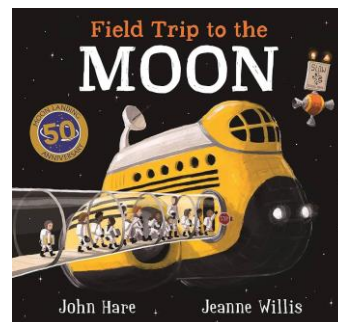
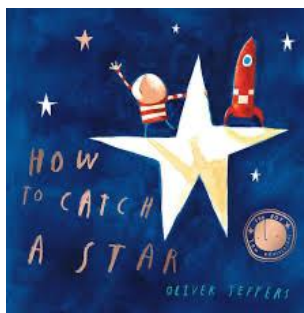


We hope you have had a wonderful and restful break. We are extremely excited to welcome back all of the children and begin the fun of this half term. They have all been working very hard and we are very proud of all the progress they have made so far! Well done Friendly Foxes!

This half term our theme is Space; the children will explore and learn all about our solar system and the planets that surround us. They will learn key facts and knowledge and build a new set of vocabulary to support this, honing their oracy skills along the way. The children will explore different materials used to build rockets, the different types of media we can use to create our own planets, as well as exploring Space through key texts. We are looking forward to deepening their understanding of our planet and those around us.



To support our learning, we will be reading a range of books such as, 'How to Catch a Star' and 'Field Trip to the Moon'. We will also have books within our exploration area for the children to explore.



**Reading & Phonics:**

The children will continue to learn about rhyme, rhythm and sounds, through Phase 1 phonics. Creating an exciting start to their Phonics journey at Little London.

We will begin with a fiction text, 'How to Catch a Star', to explore space and discover what lies beyond the clouds. This will then lead into learning and exploration, where the children will have the opportunity to build their own rockets and problem solve how to catch their own star.

**Maths:**

The children will continue to develop confidence and independence in number through revisiting counting and subitising. They will develop their subitising skills by recognising numbers in different arrangements and explaining

how they know how many there are, for example, "I know it's 4 because I can see 3 on the top and 1 on the bottom." The children will also continue to practise using counting rules to help them count accurately and independently.



At Little London we use Tapestry and Class Dojo to share your child's learning with you. We also post some helpful videos and messages that will support your child with their learning at home. Don't forget to 'like' the posts we share with you to help us see you have read it!

Please can we remind you to log into these apps regularly to keep up to date with what your child is doing at school. If you need any support doing this, please speak to your class teacher.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to talk to us at the end of the day or get in touch by phone or email.

***Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing your child continue to flourish at Little London Academy.***

Many thanks,  
The Nursery Team.

**Important Dates:**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World book day

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – CPD day, school will be closed on this day.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - break up for half term holiday



**You can help by:**

Talking with them as you walk to and from school and visit places.

Looking at Tapestry and Class Dojo regularly, as we will be sharing what we have been learning in class and how you can help at home.