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Welcome back everyone!

We hope you all had a lovely break!

Now we are well and truly into winter can we ask parents to name any gloves, hats, and scarves please!

This week we've been settling back into our nursery routine.

We have been looking at all things space, learning new vocabulary and concepts such as gravity being the force that pulls us down to the ground. To do this, we've done some gravity experiments using balls and slopes.

The children have rolled the balls up the slope and observed what happens before discussing why they don't stay at the top of the slope. We also predicted what will happen if a ball is dropped from a height and tested the theories using balls of varying sizes and weights.



for showing initiative and being helpful.







We have enjoyed exploring textures through the moon sand that we made and the children have been making rockets and painting planets in the solar system too!

We've noticed that lots of the children are very confident when cutting so if you have any child-safe scissors for them to use at home then please encourage them to practise these skills. Old magazines being snipped into confetti really does help strengthen the children's fine motor skills!



Lastly, please can we ask you to confirm any changes to your child's hours for this term, even if they were pre-arranged, so that we can ensure that these changes are recorded correctly for funding purposes. Thank you.

Happy New Year! From the team at Next Steps

## <u>Invoices</u>

There are some outstanding invoices due for payment. Please arrange for these to be settled as soon as possible. If you have a query regarding an invoice please contact the School Office as soon as possible. If payment is to be made via a childcare voucher scheme, please notify the office of the reference details. Thank you.

## <u>Funding</u>

If you receive funding, please contact the office for a form to complete. Please note, that if the funding is being split with another setting, please keep us informed of how this is split and if this changes at any time, please contact us with the details.