PURLEY OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

In this topic, we are learning to:

- Use our imagination to make rocket ships and aliens from a variety of materials;
- Create our own alien passports and use creative and imaginative writing;
- Explore the solar system, learning about the planets, moons and other things things we may find there;
- Use non-fiction books to talk about space and look at the difference between books of facts and story books.
- Use colour mixing to paint different planets and alien landscapes.
- Compare what we have learned about space with popular media, such as Star Wars;
- Write about our favourite alien characters, using detailed sentences to describe what they look like.

Aliens Love Underpants — Claire Freedman & Ben Cort

SIMON BARTRAM — MAN ON THE MOON (a day in the life of Bob)
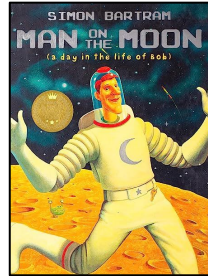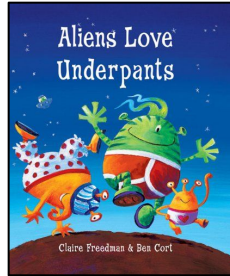
Vocabulary	
aliens	Aliens are creatures which live on other planets. Do you think there are any aliens in space?
solar system	Earth is one of 8 planets in the Solar System. The planets orbit around a giant star called The Sun. You can also find moons, asteroids and meteors.
astronaut	An astronaut is a person who travels into space. We will read Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram. Bob is an astronaut, who travels to the moon every day.
antennae	Antennae are thin organs that help insects and snails feel things. We will read The Smeds and The Smoos by Julia Donaldson. The Smeds and Smoos both have antennae.
rocket	A rocket is a large vehicle used to launch astronauts into space. We will read Whatever Next by Jill Murphy. Baby Bear made a rocket from a cardboard box.
gazing	Gazing is another word for looking. People who look up at space are star gazing. We will read Space Tortoise by Ross Montgomery. One night, Space Tortoise was gazing up at the sky.

SUN   MERCURY   VENUS   EARTH   MARS   JUPITER   SATURN   URANUS   NEPTUNE

Key Questions:

1. What is the difference between a story book and a book of facts?
2. What can we use to help us learn about space?
3. What did the alien look like? What colours and patterns did it have?
4. Why could you not live on the Sun?
5. Are any planets like our planet? What makes our planet so special?
6. How could we travel through space?