

# 3, 2, 1 ... Blast Off!

**Buccaneers**  
Spring Term 1 2026

## Communication and Language

There will be lots of opportunities for us to share our ideas with our peers and familiar adults. We will be engaging with stories, rhymes and non-fiction and sharing our ideas about them. The adults will be on the look out for children who can respond appropriately to what others say; ask questions about what they have heard; and use past, present and future tenses correctly.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our focus this term is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be looking at what challenge is and how we need to build resilience to reach our dreams and goals. We will explore how we need to keep trying and how we might find things challenging sometimes but that it is important to not give up (growth mindset). We will also be looking at how we can be proud of achievements and celebrate them.

## Physical Development

We will spend lots of time being active in our learning and play, both indoors and outside. In addition to this, we will have a weekly indoor PE lesson and a session at Forest School. We will also take part in specific sessions to help us develop our gross and fine motor skills. These will include Mini-Movers, Dough Disco, parachute and Squiggle Me Into A Writer. We will continue to focus on our pencil control and letter formation.

## Literacy

We will be learning the sounds j, v, w, x, y, z, qu and zz and will continue to develop our phonic knowledge as we learn more about reading and writing. We will begin to learn more 'tricky words'. Our focus this term is the adventures that stories can take us on. We will be exploring different story lands and the characters that we encounter building vocabulary banks linked to these.

## Mathematics

This term, we will continue to practise our maths skills of subitising, comparing and composition of number. We will be looking at number bonds and how we can use these in our calculations. We will be learning how to use the skill of comparing when it comes to length/height, mass and capacity.

## Understanding the World

As we venture into different story lands we will discover more about their origins in real life. There will be opportunities to discover about polar regions, space, dinosaurs, pirates and castles, dragons, knights and princesses! This term includes the celebrations of Lunar New Year and Pancake Day so there's lots of discovering to be done!

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will explore ways to move to music and be encouraged to join in with singing and dancing. There will be lots of opportunities to use scissors and other one-handed tools (playdough tools, paintbrushes etc) to create artwork safely and more accurately. We will explore combining different techniques to create art and tell others about our artwork and how we made it.

**Books that will help inspire our learning this term:**

