



Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Communication & Language

This half term we will be learning facts about Space through non-fiction books as well as the Internet. We will practise our story-telling skills through books such as 'Whatever Next' and 'Aliens Love Underpants. Some children are working on listening carefully to identify specific sounds when playing sound games as well as becoming familiar with a variety of sounds through singing and music based activities. The other children will be spending this half term preparing for formal Read Write Inc sessions; they will be participating in a range of Fred Talk games as well as having the opportunity to become familiar with the sound cards. All children will be encouraged to ask and answer questions using whole sentences rather than single words.



How you can support at home?

- Please share books and stories with your child regularly. Encourage your child to tell their own version of a story using the pictures or talking about pictures and facts in non-fiction books.

Vocabulary

Listen, talk, read, explore, pages, character, feelings, settings, event, ending, speak, sounds, questions, ask, answer, retell, non-fiction, Fred Talk.

Physical Development

This half term we will be continuing to build on our fine and gross motor skills through a range of activities. The children will be exploring different ways of moving and travelling, for example, we will be pretending to be rockets blasting off to other planets. This term we will also be having a go at some Cosmic Kids Yoga. In order to prepare children for UFS we will be working on name writing whilst the other children will be working on forming simple shapes such as circles and lines.



How you can support at home?

- Please continue to encourage your children to get dressed independently – putting on their own shoes, coats etc.
- Encourage your child to practise writing their name or to draw simple pictures of their family using circles and lines.

Vocabulary

Independent, write, name, lines, circles, movement, travel, run, walk, zoom, launch, blast off, fast, slow.



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Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term we will be continuing to work on our turn taking and sharing skills. We will be reading the story 'Sharing a Shell' to help develop children's understanding of sharing and why it is important to share. We will also be providing the children with activities that require them to turn-take or share resources.



How you can support at home?

- When playing games with your child, please continue to encourage them to turn-take and share resources.

Vocabulary

Share, turn taking, kind, fair, happy, sad, a shell, friends, sea, bristle worm, anemone, friendship

Creative Curriculum

This half term our topic is 'Out of this World'. We will be learning about things that exist beyond our own experiences such as space travel, astronauts, aliens, Planets, Stars, the Moon, the Sun and our Solar System. By turning the small world area into a 'Space Station' we hope to provide children with the opportunity to act out their own space adventures. Children will be engaging in various activities, such as creating their own rockets, designing an alien and carrying out some scientific investigations. They will also be learning the planet names as well as some fun facts about space.



How you can support at home?

- Look at the noticeboard outside Nursery weekly and use this as prompts to ask your children what we are learning about.
- Have a look at some books about space with your child.

Vocabulary

Space, moon, sun, stars, planets, rocket, alien, investigation, Earth, astronaut, spaceship, flying saucer.

Key Nursery Rhymes

- 5 Little Men
- Zoom, Zoom, Zoom We Are to the Moon
- Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
- Planets Song
- If Your Happy and You Know It



Key Information & Important Dates

- World Book Day: Thursday 5th March 2020
- Sports Relief 2020: Friday 13th March 2020
- Easter Holidays: School closes Friday 3rd April reopens Monday 20th April 2020