

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Through our creative curriculum we will respond to the story 'The Trip to the Moon' and begin to negotiate problems.

In talking partners, we will discuss a resolution to our 'daily problem' and share with the class.

During International Week we will focus on different cultures and encourage and appreciation of alternative customs and events.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will create a variety of art and role-play resources using a variety of new and recycled materials.

The children will create their own artistic masterpieces inspired by Peter Thorpe's abstract space art.

Communication & Language

We will start the second half term with a 'BANG' and explore the wreckage of a mysterious UFO in the early years playground.

The children will have the opportunity to become journalists for the week, interviewing their classmates, taking photos and reporting back to others.

Using Cooperative Talking Partners, we will encourage the children to be considerate and responsive partners during interactions. Great emphasis will be placed on listening to one another and explaining thoughts and actions.



Understanding the World

The children will continue to look at planets and the environment beyond earth. This will be achieved through looking at maps, photographs, using the internet and of course the library. Lots of probability questions will be carefully framed to encourage observation and thinking skills.

Mathematics

We will use prepositional language to find the alien in the classroom everyday.

We will begin to look at time linked to day and night and daily routines and telling the time on the hour.

Consolidating knowledge of numbers 15-20 and applying them to quantify through activities such as counting stars and rockets. The children will learn to estimate a number of objects and then count to check.

The children will develop strategies for addition such as counting on a numberline.

We will introduce subtraction and the concept of counting back in ones; modelling key vocabulary such as, minus/take away/less/fewer.

Through our topic on space we will be look at 3D shapes and the children will begin to categorise objects according to shape and size as well as describe properties of 3D shapes. They will build familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models.

Literacy

We will explore different genres of text and particular newspaper reports.

Children will write their own news report.

Children will continue to develop fine and gross motor skills using both small and big movements.

Using Talk4Write as a model, children will internalise text and innovate the storyline to create their own versions. We will focus on space themed stories such as, Aliens Love Underpants, The Man on the Moon, etc.

For International week, children will collate and write facts about themselves and their cultural heritage.

Physical Development

Children will make their own individual solar system projects developing their fine motor skills. We will be using cutting, joining and modeling to encourage strengthening of muscles in our wrists, arms and hands.

we will encourage the development of hand-eye coordination through games such as throwing balls in buckets.

As the winter is upon us, children will learn to independently put their coats on and fasten them.

Upcoming events
Wednesday 17th February - Early Years & Infant Parent workshop & Coffee Morning
Monday 14th March - Book Week begins
Monday 21st March - International Week begins