

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Using imagery and video clips stimuli, we will encourage the children to discuss how to be a good friend and be compassionate towards others that may be feeling lonely.

Children will be encouraged to celebrate each other's achievements by nominating a child to be the class's 'shooting star'.

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.

Reception Topic News

Blast Off!

Communication & Language

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.

Literacy

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, 'Whatever Next?', 'Aliens Love Underpants', 'The Man on the Moon', etc.

Understanding the World

The children will 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.

Upcoming events

- Monday 11th January - CCAs begin
- Sunday 31st January - Chinese New Year Temple Fair
- Friday 5th February - Dress up in traditional Chinese clothing
- Monday 8th to Friday 12th February - Chinese New Year holidays

Physical Development

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

Children will practise a range of activities to focus on fine motor skills for writing. We will be using cutting, joining and modeling to encourage strengthening of muscles in our wrists, arms and hands.

Mathematics

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.