

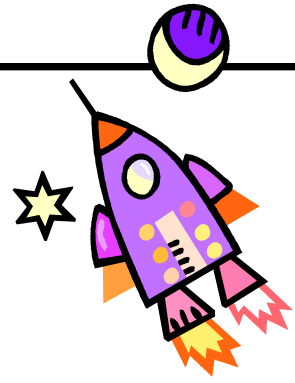


## Nursery Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

30th October 2017

# 3-2-1 Blast Off!



### **Welcome Back Earthlings!**

This is going to be an out of this world half term with our topic all about space.

Remember to check our Nursery Blog to see what the children have been up to and be sure to leave an out of this world comment.

Attached is a break down of some of the activities that the children will be taking part in and some ideas for activities you can take part in at home.

The second half of this term will be the run up to our annual nativity. We will be sending out a Christmas song sheet towards the end of November.

### **Design Technology**

This half term the children will have the opportunity to make lots of different models in the design technology area relating to the topic and we would like to ask for your help by asking for spare kitchen rolls, foil, bubble wrap, cereal boxes and bottle tops.

### **Events board**

This really is going to be a busy half term so we would like to draw your attention to the events board on the notice board in the cloakroom.

### **The Wow Tree**

Please keep bringing in the 'wows'. We have had some wonderful wows so far and the children are so proud to share their achievements with us.

### **Cold Weather**

As it is getting colder now can we please ask that children come to school with warm outdoor clothing everyday. Please remember to name all items.

### **Parents Evening**

Mrs Ahmad will be doing the 1st parents evening on 1/11/17 and Mrs Tucker on 8/11/17.

Remember to make your appointment through the new online booking system.

### **Dates for your diary**

Wednesday 1st Nov - 1<sup>st</sup> Parent evening 3.45pm-6.30pm with Mrs Ahmad.

Wednesday 8th Nov - 2nd Parent evening 3.45pm-6.30pm with Mrs Tucker.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov -Children in Need

Wednesday 6th December-Christmas Nativity performance (in the hall)

Friday 15<sup>h</sup> Dec school breaks up for Christmas!

Other dates to follow.

Thank you,

Mrs Tucker, Mrs Ahmad and the Nursery Team.



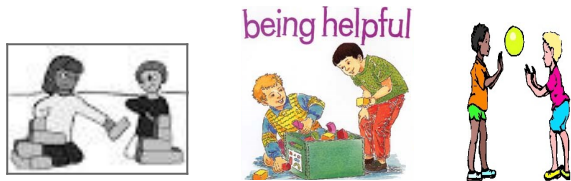
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## PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Making Relationships, Self-Confidence and Self-Awareness & Managing Feelings and Behaviour

Continue to learn Nursery routines and rules, e.g. what happens at tidy up time? How to keep carpet rules. Sharing toys etc.

Continue to explore the Nursery both indoors and out and making choices about where they would like to play, taking turns, making friends.



Taking part in focused activities to learn new skills and understand that some tasks may be hard and it is ok to ask for help.

We will also be looking at continuing to develop the rules and routines in nursery.

## COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE – Understanding & Speaking, Listening and Attention

**Singing time** - Learning songs and rhymes relating to the topic -

Climb aboard the Spaceship

4 Little Stars

5 Little Men in a flying saucer

**The Planets song (watch on YouTube Kidstv123)**

**The solar system song (watch on YouTube Kidstv123)**

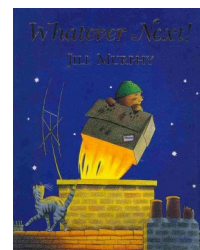
**Story time** - Children will be encouraged to talk about and ask questions about stories.

Whatever Next (children will use sequencing cards to help retell the story and the role play area will be set up to act it out)

Aliens in Underpants

Child of the week stories

Christmas stories

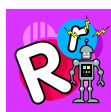


Discussions about the topic will take place with opportunities for children to ask questions about space, aliens, astronauts and planets.

**Christmas** - Practising for the Christmas performance

Learning songs, Learning the story of the Nativity, writing letters to Santa.

## LITERACY – Reading & Writing



Phonic based activities taken from Letters and Sounds teaching programme- Phase One- Aspects 1, 2 and 3- General sound discrimination.

Writing - The office will be a 'Space Centre' concept booth with mini books, stamps, word mats, topic themed paper, metallic pens and pencil crayons, keyboard, stickers, calculators, telephone etc.

Book area - Sequencing the story 'Whatever Next' and lots of story books about aliens and information books about space and astronauts. Space masks, puppets and soft toys.

Reading - The book area will have a variety of fiction and information books relating to the topic. Adults to observe how children hold and handle the books.

Adults to make an alphabet book with the children's photographs showing where they are in the alphabet.

Christmas Writing activity - write your initial letter onto a bauble shaped piece of paper and decorate with glitter. Cut around punch a hole into it thread string onto it and then send home for children to put on their Christmas tree at home.



## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD – People and Communities, The World & Technology

Finding out about the topic. An Alien space ship crash lands. We receive a letter from NASA asking for help to look after some stranded aliens. We must learn about space and how to care for the aliens using information found on the internet, from books and from our own investigations.

Learn about what it is like to go into space and how to become an astronaut.

Make astronaut food

Experiment with different ways of launching rockets.

Planetarium coming to school. Presenting a visual display about astronomy and the night sky.



Model of a planetarium in the classroom for children to go inside where it will be dark and use torches highlight the glow in the dark stars and planets on the walls and ceiling.

Materials - Interest table. Children bring in a natural or man-made object to put onto the interest table. Can they describe it to the alien babies explaining what it is and what it is made of? Can they place it into the manmade or natural hoop on the display?

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT - Moving and Handling and Self Care

PE - Space Journeys adapted from Jungle Journeys. Moving in different ways.

Ball skills, throwing and catching games and target games such as football and basketball.

Outdoor activities - Getting coats and wellies on if needed.

Mark making will be available in most areas of provision and outside to develop both gross motor movements and fine motor.

Lots of creative activities using a range of different tools and equipment to create different effects - see EAD section.



## MATHEMATICS – Numbers & Shape, Space and Measure

Number Songs - 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer

Singing songs with counting down from 5 and then 10

Exploring the resources available in the number area - putting numbered rockets into order, 5 little men in a flying saucer interactive display, making a rocket with flat shapes and then describing/naming the shapes used. Order planets according to size.

Making models of rockets in the technology area. Children will be encouraged to name and describe the different parts of their models.

Count down to Christmas using an advent calendar.

**5,4,3,2,1**

## EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN – Exploring and using Media and Materials & Being

### Imaginative

Learning how to use tools for baking, technology & painting.

Making clay aliens using other materials to stick into the clay such as straws, match sticks, pipe cleaners, pom poms and googly eyes. When dry paint and see if the children can think of an alien name .

Alien blow art. Blowing paint through straws to make an alien.

Home corner - role play 'Whatever Next'

Design Technology area - Can you make a rocket, robot, computer, telescope etc. Lots of silver foil, buttons, tubes, bottle lids, bubble wrap, bendy straws etc.

Food technology - Astronaut food and decorating chocolate logs.

Christmas activities - cards, hats, Santa's workshop etc



## Ideas to try at home

- Sing our topic based songs and watch the clips on Youtube.
- Draw a space picture and bring it in to show us.
- Look for the moon and stars in the sky at night—Can you see any UFO's?

