

Maths

Over this term we will be looking at part whole models, numbers to ten and how we combine and compare groups to ten. We will be introducing ten frames to help the children with their learning along with the other maths resources they use regularly i.e. counting cubes, bears, beads, number lines. After half term we will be focusing on number bonds to 10, 3D shapes and time. We will bring art and design into our maths activities to keep it fun and engaging for the children, we will also be doing lots of maths outside to make it practical and exciting.

Literacy

Daily phonics sessions will continue this term. We are now focusing on phases 2 and 3. We have phonics games in the classroom that the children can play daily during their continuous provision time. We have just introduced alien words (nonsense words) to the children to help with their decoding and understanding. We will continue to read plenty of books in class, along with poems, songs and nursery rhymes. We will also be reading more non fiction this term to show the children how we retrieve information from books. The children will have lots of writing opportunities linking in all the new vocabulary they will be learning within our topics.

Understanding the World

We are focusing on Space this half term, so there will be lots of opportunities for the children to learn about the world and technology. We have games on the interactive white board that the children are encouraged to share and take turns with. We will be learning about the stars and the moon along with the sun and planets. The children will have the chance to carry out science experiments and take part in their own moon diary investigation. We will be looking at what life is like on a space station and if there are aliens in our solar system.

Expressive Art and Design

We will develop our creative skills this term by designing stars, moons and flying saucers. We will be doing some baking with the children, showing them the importance of following a recipe and picking out our ingredients. We will listen to songs about space and create our own space music with instruments, we will have the chance to dance to the music we have made. We will turn our role play area into a space station so the children can imagine they are in space.

WOW Day

Space themed dress up day, making space crafts, baking biscuits and space hopper races.

To Infinity and Beyond

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be building on all the skills we learnt last half term: turn taking, sharing, following the rules and being kind. We will talk about how our actions can affect other people and importance of comforting someone that is upset. We will be encouraging the children to find their strengths and work on areas that they are not confident in. We will be talking about independence and resilience a lot this term and supporting the children to develop these skills themselves. We will be playing lots of games surrounding our topic of Space giving children the chance to work with each other in small groups and pairs.

Communication and Language

We will be encouraging the children to talk in small groups or to the whole class as much as possible. We will be focusing more on vocabulary and building up our words banks along with sequencing familiar stories. We will be observing how well the children listen to each other during circle time and promoting the chance to ask lots of questions.

Physical Development

We will be continuing with dough disco in the afternoons, it's a great chance for the children to work on their fine motor skills, we always go outside for part of this session encouraging the children to listen and follow instructions. PE this term is focusing on dance and gymnastics, the children will be doing sequences to different types of music. Forest School will continue every Tuesday. We will be exploring different types of movements and looking at how well we balance. We will be exploring how astronauts keep fit and healthy on space stations and we will be playing 'space games.'