

Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome back. I hope that you had a lovely Easter break! Following discussions with the children, this term Reception class are going to be looking at the theme of 'Space'. Below, I have given details of some of the different activities and learning experiences that we will be offering the children. Again, please feel free to annotate this document and return it to me with any other ideas or suggestions for exciting activities. In addition, if you have any resources such as space books, puzzles, solar system models..., which you would be happy to lend us, please let me know! We will of course still be looking after and adding to the plants and vegetables that we started to grow last term – thank you for all the parents who helped supply us with a wonderful range of seeds and other resources!

Best wishes

Miss Higgins

Creative Development

Making robots, aliens, masks and puppets from papier mache, salt dough, clay, junk modelling
Foam star and planet printing
Straw stars
Finger painting spiral galaxies
Collage of characters from nursery rhymes
Alien party food
Space sounds – using instruments to create music to stories and rhymes

Physical Development

Action rhymes and songs
Moon / space dancing
Fine and gross motor control activities
Rocket movements
Modelling and construction activities
Large and small PE equipment
Threading and sewing

Knowledge and Understanding

Moon phases
Cooking – rock cakes, star and planet biscuits
Making balloon rockets / space buggies
What stars and planets are made from –
investigating air / gas
Magnification / telescopes
Gravity and jumping on the Earth vs Moon
Black holes and suction
Alien life and planets
Moon and planet shapes

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Sharing and co-operation
Similarities and differences
Resolving conflicts and finding solutions
Treating others with respect and valuing their views and culture
Agreeing to a shared code of conduct
Using resources safely and carefully
Expressing and sharing emotions appropriately
Listening skills

Communication, Language and Literacy

On-going phonics programme
Sharing, reading, re-writing and re-telling space related stories and nursery rhymes
Zig Zag moon books
Role play and drama
Writing lists, labels, captions, letters, news and stories related to topic

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

Rocket counting up / down
Star shapes – pentagons, hexagons and triangles
3D shapes – spheres, cones, cubes, cuboids
Problem solving - alien features / sizes / shapes
Alien money / prices / price labels
Sequencing moon shapes, routines and journeys
Counting and ordering stars and planets
Comparative vocabulary distance, size and position
Measuring with models and pictures