

Physical Development

Fine motor skills – We will continue to focus on our letter formation and sitting letters on the line. We will be making sure we are not forming letters backwards or incorrectly.

Gross motor skills – Through P.E. we will be exploring Dance.

How can I help my Child?

Encourage activities at home which support fine motor control. Use the whiteboard at home to encourage your child to form their letters neatly and on the lines, using the letter formation rhymes e.g. swerve around the snake. Create some dances to your favourite music.

Mathematics

We will be using what we already know about numbers to explore number bonds to 10. We will look at numbers that are '5 and a bit' to help us with this. We will begin to use number tracks to add two numbers together.

How can I help my child?

Encourage your child to do some simple practical addition by combining two groups. They could use objects at home on their tens frame to show ways of making number 10.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about the Solar System and Planets. We will be thinking about Space travel and what is needed for a trip to Space.

How can I help my child?

You could borrow some books from the library about Space. You could visit the Science Museum in London to find out more about our Solar System.

RE

We will be reading stories from different religions.

Personal Social Emotional Development

Our PSHE unit is 'Relationships'. We will be thinking about what forms a positive relationship, how we should be treated and treat others, and what to do if someone does something that makes us uncomfortable or we don't like.

How can I help my child?

Talk with your child about positive and safe relationships they have. Talk about what makes a good friend and what they should do if someone does something they don't like.

Communication and Language

We will be encouraging the children to give explanations for why things happen and how things work. We will be practising good speaking and listening skills with each other.

How can I help my child?

Ask your child questions about why something has happened or how something works. E.g. How do the wheels turn on a bike? Encourage your child to look at you when you are talking to them, and when they are talking to you.



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What is beyond Earth?



Literacy/Drawing Club

We will continue with our weekly focus texts in Drawing Club. This will broaden our vocabulary as well as develop drawing and writing skills.

Library visit – Thursday

How can I help my child?

Look at the Talk to Me newsletter to see the vocabulary we are using each week and ask your child to explain the meaning of the words.

What new words can you find in stories you read? When reading with your child, explain to them the meaning of a word they have not heard before to extend their vocabulary.

P.E. on Tuesdays. Please send your child into school wearing their **P.E. clothes** on a **Tuesday**.

Stunning Start – Trip to The Observatory Science Centre

Fabulous Finish – Visit from a local Space Expert

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning how to use watercolours to paint planets. We will be learning which primary colours we can mix to create secondary colours. We will also be exploring techniques such as joining and creating using junk modelling.

How can I help my child?

Save some boxes and pots from your recycling bin to create something from junk modelling.



Please remember to add pictures and observations to Tapestry, as we love to see the children's learning outside of school!