

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Understand gradually how others might be feeling - discuss about character feelings throughout stories.
- Jigsaw SEAL theme –Celebrating Differences
- Explaining knowledge and asking questions about the topic.
- Become more outgoing with unfamiliar people, in the safe context of their setting -- work as part of a team in the Christmas show.
- Play with one or more children - extending on and elaborating play ideas
- Discussing Nursery Rules – remember rules without needing to be reminded by an adult
- Sharing and helping each other – looking after the planet
- Discussion about a character's feelings throughout stories.
- Circle time discussion (linked to the word of the week)

Communication and Language

- Hot seating astronauts, aliens and dinosaurs.
- Puppet shows, role play and retelling stories using Green Screen and the Chatter Pix app.
- Responding to questions relating to a non-fiction text.
- Discussion about special celebrations and events, including Christmas.
- Home corner enhancement –Xmas, Diwali, firework night
- Sing a large repertoire of songs – Xmas songs
- Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.
- Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.
- Listen to and build on the ideas of others
- Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens – Core texts & Xmas stories

Physical Development

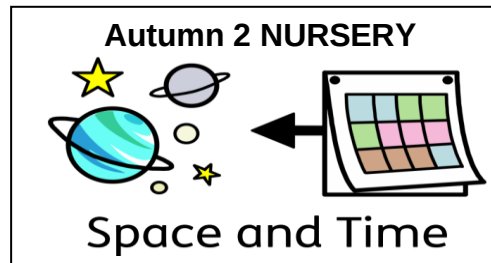
- Junk modelling making aliens and spacecraft
- Handwriting practice
- Go up steps and stairs, or climb up apparatus, using alternate feet - Going on walks around school
- Use and remember sequences and patterns of movements which are related to music and rhythm - Action and movement songs
- Exploring different ways of moving our bodies through music and songs
- FMS activities –threading, tweezers, play dough, scissor skills
- GMS – Develop throwing, catching, bat and ball skills.
- Develop independence - putting coats on and doing up zips.

Mathematics

- Week 1** (2/11): Counting a group of objects and selecting matching numeral
- Week 2** (9/11): Orders two or three items by length/ height.
- Week 3** (16/11): Pattern
- Week 4** (23/11): Use everyday language related to money.
- Week 5** (30/11): Shape: 2d & 3d shapes and their properties.
- Week 6** (7/12): Number and Numicon shapes
- Week 7** (14/12): Time – sequence events of the day

General maths resources:

- Money activities in the role play area
- Comparing size of dinosaurs
- Measuring ingredients
- Using mini clocks



Literacy – Reading

- Pay attention and respond to the pictures or the words - retelling stories using puppets and props
- Discussing differences between fiction and non-fiction texts
- Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary – listening to high quality Core Texts, linked to the week's focus activities.
- Repeat words and phrases from familiar stories – poems and familiar stories

Understanding of the World

- Talking about celebrations and festivals – Bonfire night, Halloween
- Understand that some places are special to members of their community.
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways – Xmas, Hanukah , Diwali,
- Beebot activities, Green Screen and iPad activities (Quiver) linked to this topic
- Discussions about the recent past, explore how Christmas was celebrated a long time ago.
- Explore how Xmas is celebrated around the world and make comparisons to how we celebrate Xmas now.

Literacy – Writing

- Sequencing images to show key events from a story
- Writing mini books, instructions and letters to an alien/astronaut
- Make marks on their picture to represent their name
- Name writing (self-registration)
- Add marks to drawings to add meaning to their work – Xmas, astronaut, alien and space drawings.
- Write with a purpose in mind – Xmas cards, Xmas activities, letter to Father Xmas, letter to/from a space character
- Describing characters from the story
- Write Xmas and space stories - Mini books

Expressive arts and design

- Dressing up/role play area
- Begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets, dolls and dolls houses, etc. - Dressing up/role play area, spacecraft, dinosaurs
- Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills – make Playdough aliens, junk modelling rockets, solar system, flying saucers, space station, dinosaur modelling, excavating dinosaurs, alien masks
- Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody – Xmas show
- Explore colour and colour mixing – Make Xmas cards and winter scenes

Core books

- 02.11.26** – Bob the Man on the Moon
- 09.11.26** – Whatever Next?
- 16.11.26** – My Sister is an Alien
- 23.11.26** – Here Come the Aliens & Beegu, if I were an alien
- 30.11.26** – Dinosaurs Galore & Dinosaur Dreams
- 07.12.26** – The Toy Maker & In the Toy Museum
- 14.12.26** – Christmas stories from around the world