




A ticket to Ride



Communication & language

This half term we will be using Space stories to lead our play. Some of our favorite's will include Look up, Man on the Moon and Aliens Love Underpants. Small world areas around the unit will allow us to follow this theme, providing lots of opportunities for speaking and listening, reading & writing.


We will learn the story of 'How to Catch a Star' and using our story maps we will be able to retell the story to our friends, talking about 'who' is in the story and 'what' is happening.

 Spend lots of time practising the story of How to Catch a Star using the story map we will send home.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term we will be learning about how to keep ourselves safe whilst we are out and about. We will be learning about the PANTS rule with Pantosaurus.


We will be learning about how to be a good friend and how we can develop positive relationships.

 Share the Pants video link we will send home and talk about this with your child.

 **THINGS TO TRY AT HOME**


Physical Development

We will continue with our weekly PE sessions in the hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will start to use the large apparatus with increasing confidence and bravery. We will be building lots of models using our fine motor skills and writing labels and captions about these creations. We will be looking at the effects that exercise has on our bodies and what we can do to keep fit and healthy.

 Talk to your child about different ways to keep themselves healthy.

Literacy

This half term we will build upon the sounds that we have learnt, becoming more independent when reading and writing. We will start to include capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in our writing. When reading we will use our good story telling voices.


 Can you practise writing some of the words you have built with your sound cards. Can you use your Fred fingers to help?



We are very excited to be taking part in the Lego Discover programme and each child will receive a box of Duplo at home to use with their families in the coming weeks.

Mathematical Development

This half term we will be using numbers up to and beyond 20. We will investigate numbers to 100, finding numbers of personal significance. We will be adding two groups together to find a total. We will begin to record these number stories using '+' and '='. We will also be using 'take away' games and songs to develop our understanding of subtraction. During our Shape, Space and Measures activities we will develop our use of language and vocabulary to talk about time and capacity.

 Use the regular Maths games and Numicon activities that we send home to support your child's basic maths skills.

Understanding the World

A focus on 'Riding along on my pushbike' will help us to understand changes through time by looking at bicycles from the past. We will also have a visit from NU:STEM who will be leading a Light & Shadow workshop to support our understanding of the world around us.

Expressive Arts & Design

This half term we will be learning how to join materials together to construct large junk models. We will continue with our singing and learning of songs and rhymes. Role play within the unit will continue to support children's language and social skills.