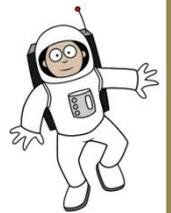




This month we will be exploring the topics of:

Space & Day and Night time

We asked the children what they know about space already. They had some very interesting ideas and we will use this to guide our planning for this topic. We will provide opportunities to learn about astronauts. What they do and how they travel to space. We will work together to make a class rocket for our role-play area. The children will learn about the moon and stars focusing on the shape of a full moon and half moon. We will talk about the stars and how the sun is a star.



This topic will also focus on dark colours such as navy, dark grey and black i.e. **'shades of night'** and, in contrast, **fluorescent** and metallic colours that glow brightly against a dark background. This will lead to some good discussions about what we should wear when out and about at night time to ensure that we can be seen.



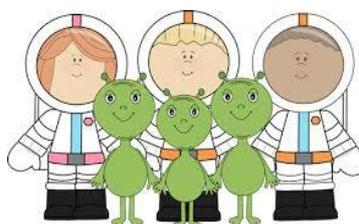
We will be talking about day and night time routines at home and the items associated with them. For example night time: pyjamas, toothbrush, stars, moon etc and day time, clothes, food, nursery.

Our role-play areas this month will be a space station and a bedroom.

You may also hear some Christmas Songs as we prepare for our Nativity.

Colour of the month: 'Shades of night', florescent colours, gold and silver.

Shape of the month: Circle and Semi- circle. You can help your child with their shapes and colours by looking at the moon. Talk about the colour and shape you see. Go on a shape and colour hunt around your home or when out and about.



Songs and Rhymes

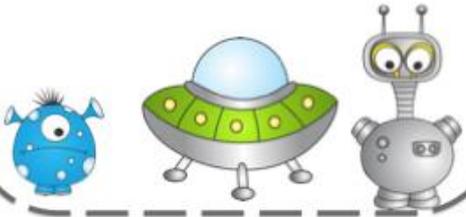
Climb aboard the Spaceship!

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Sung to: "itsy bitsy spider"



Climb aboard the spaceship,
We're going to the moon,
hurry and get ready,
We're going to blast off soon.
Put on your helmets
And buckle up real tight,
Here comes the countdown,
Let's count with all our might.
10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1---BLAST OFF!!



We're Flying



Sung to: "The Farmer in the Dell"

- We're flying to the moon
- We're flying to the moon.
- Blast off, away we go
- We're flying to the moon.

Other verses:

- We're going in a spacecraft
- We're walking out in space
- We're landing on the moon
- We're collecting moon rocks
- We're flying back to Earth
- We're landing on the Earth

Other Rhymes we may learn:

Twinkle twinkle Little Star

Wee Willie Winkie

Hey Diddle Diddle



Four Little Stars

Four little stars
winking at me.
One shot off,
then there were three!
Three little stars
With nothing to do.
One shot off,
Then there were two!



Two little stars
Afraid of the sun.
One shot off,
Then there was one!

One little star
Alone is no fun.
It shot off,
then there was none!

