

# Theme: Space – Near and Far

## EASTER

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This area of learning is of great importance in the Early Years. We continue to spend a lot of time being given opportunities to learn together and on our own, building on the school's behaviour expectations and core values. We will be working with various partners and practicing listening to their thoughts and ideas as well as sharing our own. We continue to understand and experience what being part of a class requires and how our behaviours can impact on our friends around us. We will be considering in RE how we can be of help to others.

### Physical Development

This term we will expand on our precision of writing; practicing how to form our letters and numbers correctly. We continue to use a variety of tools such as rulers, paint brushes and scissors in the classroom; developing our fine motor skills. Our Gross motor skills will be developed through taking part in our weekly gymnastics/ football and swimming sessions; as well as the use of our outdoor environment. We continue to be given the opportunity to make choices linked to risk taking and reflecting on the choices made. As we explore the outdoor world we will continue to think about taking care of ourselves through on going hygiene and use of our antibacterial gel.

### Communication and Language Development

We will be exploring information linked to our world and looking to find out more about the Earth, Moon and Sun. It will be fun to hear stories linked with this, as well as digest information from different sources. We will be able to listen to and help create poems. We will have the opportunity to consider what we were like as toddlers and babies; seeing the changes which have taken place.

### Mathematics

It is fun to learn both inside and outside in Maths. We will take as many opportunities as possible to do this. We continue to develop our understanding of number and how we can use them to solve problems. We will practice our precision in counting objects and actions, working at a level which is appropriate to us as an individual. We will start to count in different ways: 2s/ 10s and 5s; counting back as well as forwards at every opportunity. Our small class shop role play area will help us to further learn about money and coins. As the shop changes to a more space related theme through the term we will be able to develop our shape and measures as we plan, design and build.

### Literacy

Our RWI phonics continues as we learn more sounds to use in our writing and reading. We require a lot of bravery now to help us move forward in both reading and writing. We will have many opportunities to write, with practice of where we should start to write on a page as well as the importance of leaving spaces between our words. We will be learning various alphabet songs to help us with the 'names' of the letters. In addition we will expand our knowledge of capital letters and matching them to the lowercase graphemes. We will experience a variety of texts from poetry and information texts through to story and bossy instructions!

### Understanding of the World

As winter moves to spring we will spend time acknowledging the changes which are taking place. We will continue to practice the order of the seasons as well as the days of the week. We will be linking with both aspects of our world close at hand and those areas which are tricky to comprehend. We will be encouraged to ask questions and consider answers and how we can find out if we are right. As spring burst into life we will have the opportunity to look at seeds, and notice how they grow; making observations of the parts of the plants – seeing similarities and differences. We will continue to use our technology to enhance our learning and record our findings. In RE we will continue to look at Christianity and Christian's thoughts about Jesus. We will also be considering various New Year celebrations as well as hearing about the traditions of Easter and the stories which are linked to this celebration.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Our theme this term will give us lots of opportunities to develop our creating and design skills. We will be using tools to shape, mould and texture as well as different materials to join and add effect. We will have time to use our creative ideas to explore how we make things such as new planets and rockets, while also developing our observational skill and control as we draw and paint the plant life we see. In music we will be exploring instruments such as chime bars; and continuing with copy-cat rhythms and melodies, preparing for our Easter Service at the end of term.