Autumn 2 What is happening in Early Years this half term?

Communication & Language

Following instructions to make rockets.
Listening to space stories then discussing new **vocabulary**, answering questions and making comments.
Using the language of the Whatever Next story to retell.
Introducing storylines into space play.

(Plus, continuous work on learning to listen and to follow instructions, talking to new adults and friends, holding conversations, listening to and talking about stories and non-fiction books to support vocabulary.)

Literacy

Listening, responding to and acting out space stories including Man on the Moon, Aliens Love Underpants, and The Way Back Home
Ordering events in the stories and discussing the characters and the settings.
Making up our own space stories.
Reading and writing words, captions and sentences containing the letter sounds that we have been learning.

(Plus, continuous work in **Phonics** (Phase 2), whole class and individual reading and enjoying and responding to stories**.**

Mathematics

Shape

Revisiting the names and describing the properties of 2D shapes including making rockets and hunting for shapes around school and looking at the shapes in paintings by the artist Kandinsky.

1 more/1 less

Understanding the words 'more' and 'less'
Finding '1 more' or '1 less' than a number and then saying/writing number sentences using rockets on the moon and Numicon tiles.

Represent, subitise and compare 3, 4, 5

Including ways to make each number i.e.
2 and 2 equal 4, 3 and 1 equal 4 etc.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Thinking about the importance of being kind and what being kind might look like with our friends at school at school and also at home.

(Plus continous work on understanding routines, boundaries and expectations in the classroom including listening to adults, playing cooperatively, taking turns and treating each other with kindness. The children are encouraged to always 'try their best' and to 'have a go' and also to talk about their feelings. We also support independence when toileting, washing hands, dressing, zipping coats etc.)

Space



Physical Development

Walking like an astronaut on the moon.
Negotiating an obstacle course in the outdoor classroom to collect moon rocks.
Weekly P.E lessons.

(Plus, continuous work on developing scissors skills and pencil/paintbrush control, developing fine motor skills in the finger gym and the playdough area and with colouring and tracing and access to large and small apparatus indoors and out.)

Expressive Arts & Design

Discussing Kandinsky's 'Several Circles' and creating our own circle art.
Making play dough aliens.
Designing underpants for aliens!
Painting/drawing/printing/collaging space scenes, rockets, aliens and planets.
Making 3D junk model rockets and spaceships.

(Plus, singing and performing songs, rhymes and poems, using musical instruments, continuous access to the role play kitchen area, small world resources for storytelling, construction kits for building and to the resources in the creative area.)

Understanding the World

Talking about space the planets, rockets and astronauts.
Use squeezy hand rockets and exploring how they fly.
Discussing light sources and exploring the 'dark den'.
Exploring Google Earth.
How different people celebrate special times.