

St Thomas More R.C. Primary - Reception class

What I am Learning - Spring 1: Space

Texts: Marshmallows for Martians/Spider Sandwiches



Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
Communication & Language	This half term we will be continuing to develop our listening skills through circle time activities and partner work. We will be encouraging the children to listen to and remember what their partner says and then be able to talk about what their partner has said. We will be talking about our topic Space, and we will be focussing on the texts 'Marshmallows for Martians' and 'Spider Sandwiches.' Our 'small world' area will reflect our topic and become 'Space.'	Mathematics	In our Maths work, we will be focussing on recognising and ordering numbers, counting to 20 and beyond, number formation and counting out a number of objects accurately. We will also be counting in 5's and 10's. We will be continuing our work on practical addition and subtraction and we will begin to look at 'number bonds' to 10.
Physical Development	We will be continuing to focus upon develop the children's fine and gross motor skills through different activities. In our phonics groups, we will continue to practice letter formation on a daily basis. Linking with our new text, we will explore different foods and how to keep our teeth and bodies healthy. We will be using different malleable materials to support our topic work, e.g. Moon Sand. In PE our focus will be 'Basic Movements and Dance.'	Understanding the World	We will be discussing and exploring Space and our small world area will be set up to reflect this. We will be encouraging the children to develop their understanding of the topic in our 'Space' areas of our Continuous Provision. We will be using the internet to research our topic 'Space' and finding out lots on information via technology and through accessing a variety of information texts.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We will continue to reinforce our positive class rules and boundaries. We will be continuing and developing co-operative learning strategies in all aspects of our group work. This will encourage the children to develop relationships and work co-operatively. We will be discussing feelings, how to deal with conflict, our friendships/relationships with others and how we treat others.	Expressive Arts & Design	We will be experimenting with different materials and creative techniques this half term. We will be creating aliens, crating signs for an Alien Parade and explore how we can 'junk model' our creations. In Music, we will listen to Holst's Planet Suite and create pieces of artwork in response to the music. We will also look at musical composition, and create pieces of music for our Alien Parade.
Literacy	We will be sharing stories/ books in particular focussing on our focus texts which we will be basing our Literacy work on, this will include; designing and labelling a rocket and writing about what we would take to Space! Our Phonics groups will continue, focussing on blending, reading and writing. We will also have different writing opportunities linked to our 'Space' topic.	RE	In our Religion work this half term we will be exploring the Presentation Story, discussing how the Parish Family celebrates, how the Parish family gather for Mass and we will also discuss the joy of gathering to listen to God's Word

\*When working on our text, we always try to select a story that the children may not have seen before we do not read the whole story initially. We work on the text over the course of the half term, and unpick each section, our focussed activities and challenges are based upon the part of the story we are working on to keep an element of surprise and suspense. If you do wish to read the story at home with your child, please could you do so once we have completed our topic and text work, thank you.