

St Thomas More R.C. Primary - Reception Class

What I am Learning - Spring 1: Space

Text - Spider Sandwiches

Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
Communication and 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 text 'Spider Sandwiches.' Our 'small world' area will reflect our topic and become 'Space.'	Mathematics: Numbers & Shape, Space and Measure	In our Maths groups, we will continue to focus on number skills, including counting objects accurately, ordering and recognising numbers. We will continue to revise addition and subtraction and how we can record these. We will be looking more closely at both 2D and 3D shapes, talking about their properties and making models and pictures with them.
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. We will be using different malleable materials to support our topic work, e.g. Moon Sand. In PE, our focus is 'Dance' and 'Gymnastics.'	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 areas of continuous provision. In Technology, we will be focussing on completing programs using hardware, e.g. the interactive whiteboard, iPads, Bee-Bots.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	We will continue to reinforce our positive class rules and boundaries. We will be continuing and developing our KAGAN 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 encouraging the children to try to resolve problems with increasing independence and we will be there to help and support them with this.	Expressive Arts and Design	We will be experimenting with different materials and creative techniques this half term. We will be creating monsters and making sandwiches and milkshakes. In Music, our theme is 'Listening and Responding to Music.' We will be listening to a variety of genres and responding through dance and art.
Literacy: Reading & Writing	We will be sharing stories/ books in particular focussing on the story 'Spider Sandwiches' which we will be basing our Literacy work on, This will include; designing and labelling a 'yucky' sandwich and writing instructions to make a sandwich! Phonics groups will continue, focussing on blending, reading and writing. We will also have different writing opportunities linked to our 'Space' topic.	Outdoor Provision	We will continue to access our outdoor area on a daily basis, and our wider school grounds as much as we can (we are hoping for snow!!). Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing every day. Thank you!

*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.