

Communication and Language

We will:

- Demonstrate good listening behaviours
- Join in with class discussions
- Use full sentences when speaking

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We will:

- Consider the feelings of others
- Know and follow the class rules
- Be confident to try new activities

Physical Development

We will:

- Form letters correctly
- Develop ball skills – throwing and catching
- Use scissors with good control

Key Vocabulary:

day, night, light, dark, today, tomorrow, yesterday, nocturnal, shadows, daylight, sun, moon, stars, space, planets, galaxy, opposite, sleep, lantern, dim, bright

How will the topic link to our community? How will social, moral, spiritual & cultural links be made?:

Talk about keep safe in the dark eg wearing reflective clothing

Talk about Winter festivals and celebrations.

Literacy

We will:

- Recognise single letters and their corresponding sounds
- Blend sounds together to create a word eg c-a-t, cat
- Identify and write the dominant sounds in words

Reception:



Mathematical Development

We will:

- Explore numbers to 5
- Learn about shapes with 4 sides
- Use key language relating to time eg before, after, today, yesterday, tomorrow

How can you help? Is there homework?

Read with your child every night. Ask questions such as: Who is your favourite character in the story? Which picture do you like? Why? Can you show me the words/ pictures/ title? Do not forget to also ask questions such as 'I wonder if...', 'What would you do if..'

Explore Maths with your child such as size, numbers, time and patterns.

Understanding the World

We will:

- Talk about the differences between night and day
- Identify different sources of light
- Learn about different festivals

Role Play & Real Life Links

We will:

- Bath the babies ready for bed
- Make breakfast in the kitchen
- Role play travelling to the moon

Expressive Arts & Design

We will:

- Look at the painting 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh
- Learn songs for our Christmas Play

Key Questions:

- What animals come out at night?
- What things create light?
- Where does the moon go during the day?
- Where does the sun go at night?

Outdoor Learning

- We will observe seasonal changes by looking and talking about the environment.
- We will observe our shadows