

Oak and Willow Remote Learning – weeks beginning 18th & 25th January EYFS – How to Catch a Star Theme



Starting with a story....

Watch Miss Cother reading the story 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers on Tapestry or you can watch it on YouTube here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpyR6hJPxiw

Writing focus activities – one each week

Draw and write a simple sentence about what you might see on a trip in a spaceship – e.g. I see a star. A special rocket writing frame is uploaded onto the website if you would like to use that.

Make your own map of space – draw pictures of what you might see and have a go at writing labels using your phonics e.g. star, moon, planet

Maths focus activity – extra to White Rose if needed

Use the song '5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer' to find one less than an amount within 5 and practise taking away within 5. Miss Cother will add a film to Tapestry to demonstrate this activity.

If you don't know the song it can be found here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7 1-TrP9jwA

Science & Understanding the World focus activities

Starry night - on a clear night go outside and look up at the stars with a grown up, talk about what you can see...how many stars do you think there are? Can you spot any shapes or patterns? CBeebies Sarah and Duck programme 'Stargazing' and BBC Learning Zone – 'Little Stargazers' are great to watch too.

New vocabulary to learn = **REFLECT / REFLECTION.** Explore and investigate reflections – where can you find them? Maybe use a window or a mirror or another shiny surface or perhaps you can see some in water just like the boys and his star. If you use a mirror hold up some writing or pictures, do they look the same or does something happen when they are reflected? Always remember to be careful and stay with a grown up if you are near the water.

What happens in the day and what happens at night? Use the sorting activity from the website or in your pack to sort the pictures into daytime or night-time activities.

Have a go at the Fizzing Stars science experiment that Miss Cother will be adding to Tapestry. Instructions can be found on the website or in your pack too.

You might like to find out about the planets and stars. The programmes below from the BBC are really good to help you learn new information about stars and space. We also love the 'Solar System Song' in school which can be found on You Tube here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2prtmPEjOc – the solar system song

Cooking ideas....

Practise listening, following instructions, staying safe, learning about healthy foods, measuring, counting and time with Miss Sollis, healthy rocket ship sandwich activity on Tapestry.

Have a go at making some star shaped biscuits – a recipe card can be found on the website and on Twinkl here

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/space-starbiscuits-recipe-t-tp-7505

Or you could make your own biscuits from a favourite recipe and cut them into star shapes.

Creative focus activities

Make your own spaceship to go into space.

Make your own special star, this can be an outdoor / forest school activity.





Useful programmes and tv shows to support this theme's learning activities

CBeebies Sarah and Duck – S1 Episode 18 – Stargazing https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b01rmhm0/sarahduck-series-1-18-stargazing

BBC Learning Zone Little Stargazing https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07tn0bj

To support White Rose Maths on weight

Make your own balance to weigh and compare objects using a coat hanger, empty yoghurt pots (or other containers that are the same) and some string.



PHONICS GAMES – with a space theme!

Visit https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ and use the login: Jan21 / password: Home

to access lots of games. If you choose Phase 2 or 3 you can select specific sounds to practise and choose the games too, including 'Picnic on Pluto' which we enjoy in school, sorting real and fake words.





Anything highlighted in yellow will be uploaded to Tapestry with photos or a video from Miss Cother to help you complete this focus activity with your child, should you wish to.