

Early Years Medium-Term Planning Spring Term 1 2024

Learning Challenge: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, how I wonder what you are?	Week 1: 8/1: Pre-Learning. What are stars?	Week 2: 15/1: Which star is the most important for our planet?	Week 3: 22/1: What would it be like to visit the moon and how could we get there?	Week 4: 29/1: What is an alien? What would an alien/UFO look like?	Week 5: 5/2: Post-Learning.
Special Events	WOW: Dark Tent	17/1: Twilight: Cale Green/Writing	Maths Observation Week 24/1: History network 25/1: RE network		10/2: Chinese New Year
Maths Mastery/Reception	Subitising skills.	Counting & Ordering.	Composition of 5.	Representation of number.	Comparison of quantities.
Maths/Nursery	Counting & Ordering.	Subitising skills.	Composition of 3.	Representation of number.	Comparison of quantities.
Literacy	Texts: How to catch a star. The Way Back Home. On the moon.				
Nursery Phonics	Alliteration.	Alliteration.	Oral blending & segmenting	Oral blending & segmenting	Rhythm & Rhyme
Art: Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh.	Look at large picture of Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night and support children to discuss what they can see.	Watch animated version of Starry Night. Painting swirls of colour (blues and white) on table top and taking a print. Adding yellow.	Children practise swirls with PVA glue on black paper.	Wax crayons (yellow, white, grey & black) to make swirls, stick on stars & then blue water wash.	Colour over the swirls with oil pastels using shades as in Starry Night.
PSED/Think Equal: Text & Learning Intentions	Biyu the brave pea: Empathy; Cycle of life.	Thabo and the trees: Responsibility; Interconnectedness.	SEE Learning C: Exploring Sensations.	Passing Clouds: Feelings; Strategies to control feelings.	Yoshi is different: Confidence; Empathy.
Understanding the World	What are stars? Intro to the solar system.	The sun. Heat.	The moon. Gravity. Rockets.	What would an alien think about Earth?	Post-Learning.
Music:	Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star – Super Simple Songs (YouTube)	The Constellation Song – CBeebies (YouTube)	Reach for the Stars – S Club 7 (YouTube)	Share & Perform	Chinese music: Composing for lion dancing.
RE What is special about our world?	Discovery table: A collection of natural objects for the children to explore.	The wonders of the outdoors; natural sun catchers, experiencing the different weathers.	Who do you think made all of this nature? God as creator.	The children as creators. How does this feel?	Chinese New Year (Year of the dragon)