

Ladybridge Early Years Learning Challenge Overview Spring Term 1 2024

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
how I wonder what you are.

WOW: Dark Tent

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will explore feelings in more depth, considering the need for empathy and exploring strategies to help them control their own emotions. They will learn about the interconnectedness of all living things and how to show a sense of responsibility for the environment.

Physical Development

We will focus on the development of the children's fine motor skills, helping them to manipulate materials to build and construct. This will also help them build the muscles in their hands to help improve their pencil control where this is needed. Outdoors, the children will continue to develop their ball skills.

Communication and Language

Our focus on space and stars will provide lots of opportunities to introduce new words and vocabulary to the children. We are supporting the less confident children to talk in class, helping them to contribute their thoughts and ideas to our discussions.

Literacy

The reception children will continue to develop their blending and segmenting of words and their sounds, writing simple words and then phrases. We will all explore a variety of space themed stories and look at information books.

Mathematics

We will continue to develop our ability to recognise a small number of objects without counting (subitising). We will learn the different ways of making 5. We will compare different quantities of objects and use the correct mathematical language to describe them.

Understanding the World

We will talk about space, the planets and stars. We will consider space travel and what this entails. We will consider how special our world is and the need to look after it. We will learn how some people celebrate Chinese New Year.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will be looking at the artist Van Gogh's painting *Starry Starry Night*, considering the colours and techniques he used. We will develop the use of our imagination, creating our own stories. We will develop our playing of percussion instruments.