Communication & Language

Listening and Attention/Understanding Listening and responding to a variety of stories, during guided reading. Begin to answer more complex comprehension questions. Understanding and following instructions, involving two parts, when carrying out investigations about whether materials are waterproof or not.

Speaking

Using language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in the 'Jungle Explorers' role play area, home and small world play. Using talk to sequence and retell the story, 'The Snail and the whale'.

RE

God's World What are symbols? Why is Easter important to Christians?

Literacy

Reading

Developing an interest in reading through shared class and group reading sessions as well as individual reading books. Topic related texts include 'The Journey Home', 'The Snail and the Whale.' And 'Lost and Found.'

Writing

Writing simple sentences to make posters and write captions. Learning facts about animals and writing descriptions. Writing simple instructions on 'How to Build a Rocket' and 'Making Moon Rock Cakes'.

Physical Development

Fine Motor

Using simple tools and joining techniques when constructing their junk model rockets and learning new sketching techniques. To continue to develop pencil control and form all letters correctly.

Gross Motor

Developing ball skills, including passing and receiving a ball. Learn how to negotiate space when playing cricket and moving around the room during street dance.

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Understanding the World

People, Culture and Communities Finding out about hot and cold countries in the world, including different foods and traditional dress. Learning about Chinese New Year celebrations.

Past and Present

Learning about famous astronaut Neil Armstrong and the 'Great space race.'

Natural World

Exploring different materials and their properties. Developing language for describing material e.g. smooth, rough, and transparent. Investigating which materials are waterproof. Finding out about the habitats of different animals around the world.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Building relationships

Exploring similarities and differences between self and others and celebrating how special we all are.

Managing self

Developing an understanding of how to keep others and myself safe, including practising good hygiene and how to keep my body healthy. **Self-regulation**.

Learning to recognise different feelings and the effects they have on me. Become confident in sharing and talking about my feelings with others.

Phonics

Revising sounds already learnt. Learn Set 2 sounds. Focus on blending CVC words in both writing and reading. Learn tricky (red) words by sight.

Expressive Arts & Design

Creating with Materials

Exploring colour and texture to create desert pictures.

Design, make and evaluate a rocket. Carefully selecting materials used and developing techniques for joining.

Being Imaginative and expressive Expressing self through music and movement, working together to create a class 'Dragon dance.' Take part in a range of role- play activities in the 'Jungle Explorers' role play, herb kitchen and imaginative small world scenarios.

Mathematical Development

Number

Consolidating understanding of mathematical skills already learnt with numbers to 10. To begin learning about teen numbers. To develop techniques for adding and subtracting using a variety of tools such as part whole models and number lines. To develop recall of number bonds to 10.

Shape, Space and Measure

Comparing and measuring length, height, weight and capacity through a variety of practical activities using non-standard units of measure. Naming different 3D shapes and exploring their properties. Finding 3D shape everyday objects.