



Talk for Writing Text: How to Catch a Star

Topic: Space

Literacy

- Exploring firework poems.
- Look at the elements of a non-fiction text.
- Christmas cards, letters and lists.

How to help your child at home:

- Share books at home and ask your child questions about the pictures. Can they recognise any letter sounds?
- Encourage your child to mark-make using the letter sounds that they know.

Maths

- Reading, writing and comparing numbers from 1-5.
- Exploring and naming 4 sided shapes- squares and rectangles.
- Use everyday vocabulary to describe position- in, on, under, next to, inbetween.

How to help your child at home:

- Look at and describe shapes in the environment.
- Play hide and seek or a treasure hunt game and use positional vocabulary to describe where things are.

Personal Social & Emotional

- Using words to describe our feelings.
- Learning how to be a good friend; being kind, considerate and tolerant.
- Discussing bedtime routines.

How to help your child at home:

- Help your child by encouraging a good bedtime routine.
- Encourage your child to be independent with their personal hygiene including washing and drying their own hands and brushing their own teeth.

Communication & Language

- Talking about Space and developing topic vocabulary- Earth, Mars, planet, solar System, rockets, astronauts.
- Story times to develop new vocabulary, share ideas and ask and answer questions.
- Using words to describe our feelings.

How to help at home:

- Encourage your child to use words to describe how they are feeling and why.
- Help children to develop their vocabulary by talking to them about Space and what they have been learning about in school.

Understanding the World

- What can you see in Space?
- Why and how is Diwali celebrated?
- Why and how is Christmas celebrated?
- Learn about some sources of light.

How to help your child at home:

- Visit your local library to learn more about space or some of the festivals that we are learning about in school.

Physical Development

- Fastening our coats.
- Writing our names.
- Cutting skills.
- PE - Dance.

How to help your child at home:

- Encourage your child to practise fastening zips and buttons.
- Practise name writing.

Expressive Arts & Design

- Making Clay Divas.
- Christmas and Diwali cards, and crafts.
- Exploring Van Gogh- Starry Night.
- Nativity performance- music, arts and crafts.
- Space and Fireworks- Music and movement.

How to help at home:

- Practise the Nativity songs at home.