

Literacy

1. Learn to read keywords as they are sent home.
2. Look out for these words in books.
3. Play 'I Spy' when you are out and about – look for things which begin with the sounds we are learning e.g. 'ch' for chimney, 'sh' for shoe
4. Visit the library and look for books about Space and the planets.
5. Remember to read every night with your child and sign the reading diary.

Understanding the World

1. Discuss the season 'Winter', go for a walk and talk about what you can see e.g. trees with no leaves
2. Look at the moon and stars at night with your child, can they describe the shape of the moon? Is it always the same?
3. Can your child talk to you about the planets? What is the same and what is different?
4. Use Google or KidRex to find out some information about Chinese New Year and vehicles in the past.
5. Encourage your child to be curious and ask questions about what they can see. What things do they want to find out?

Communication and Language

1. Encourage your child to speak in full sentences when they are speaking to you.
2. Help to extend your child's vocabulary, e.g. if they say, "I can see the moon" you could extend them by saying, "I can see the bright white moon."

Physical Development

1. Continue to encourage your child to practice dressing and undressing independently.
2. Encourage your child to eat healthy foods, let them help you prepare food. Talk about the importance of washing hands, brushing teeth etc.
3. Encourage your child to use a knife and fork independently.
4. Help your child to use scissors independently

Mathematics

1. Look for patterns e.g. wrapping paper, wallpaper, winter hats and scarves etc.
2. Let your child play with some coins e.g. play shops, sort them, draw around them etc.
3. Have fun counting different objects e.g. forks, tins, spoons, cups etc.
4. Find numbers around us, e.g. door/bus numbers and say what they are.
5. Use of language "I am taking 3 away" to help with subtraction.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

1. Give your child small jobs around the house to help you e.g. lay the table, put shopping away etc.
2. Ask your child what they did well at school today. Did they find anything difficult? Encourage them to keep on trying to develop their perseverance.
3. Talk to them about their feelings – happy, sad, angry etc.
4. Talk to them about things they are good at and things they might need help with.
5. Help your child to become more resilient by helping to learn from their mistakes.

Expressive Arts and Design

1. Draw a picture of the solar system; can your child name all of the planets?
2. Ask your child to teach you some of the songs they have been learning at school.
3. Make a rocket using junk e.g. empty food boxes, magazines etc.

Spring Term 2A **Topic: Space**

Ideas to help your child at home.

