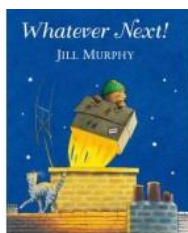


Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 27.02.23

Term 4 topic- How do we get around? Our story of the week- "Whatever Next!"



Another very busy, but very exciting week!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development- In our Jigsaw time we have been talking about how we stay healthy and active and why this is important. We thought about how our body responds to exercise and activity - we felt our hearts as we were resting, then we played an active game and afterwards felt our hearts again. We could feel they were now beating quickly, pumping blood around our bodies. The children said they felt "healthy" and "strong".

Communication and Language- We had some lovely discussions about space, the planets, what we might find on the moon and even gravity. We loved watching and chatting about clips of astronauts on the international space station brushing their teeth, going to bed and moving around the space station. We also looked at photographs and talked about all the different kinds of air transport. Ask us how many we can remember!

Physical Development- We continue to use our outdoor area in all weathers! In PE this week, we took part in a Cosmic Yoga session with a space theme. Ask us to show you the positions we know. We continue to develop our fine motor skills by threading, handwriting, cutting and using building and construction toys. We have enjoyed exploring the water beads and using the play dough with pipe cleaners and beads to create our own aliens. This all helps to make our fingers strong for writing, drawing and playing.

Literacy- In our story of the week, baby bear took a picnic to the moon. We talked about what we might pack, drew pictures and labelled our picnic. Some of our lunchboxes contained some very funny items! We have also looked at some non-fiction books about space and read lots of story books. We are finding out lots of interesting facts! We are using the phonemes we have learnt in our phonics sessions more in our independent writing which is exciting to see. We have also had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day, with all the children looking brilliant dressed up as their favourite storybook characters.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s; recognising our numbers to 20 and beyond; doubling and halving; forming our numbers correctly; counting up to 10 and back down again; saying what is one more and one less than a given number. This week we have been focusing on addition and subtraction as we practised taking away aliens on space ships. We have practised writing addition and subtraction number sentences by saying our number sentences aloud and then writing them, using the +, - and = symbols. For example, $5 - 1 = 4$. We have also started to use number tracks to help us with these number sentences. We

know that we never jump on the spot, jump forward when we are adding and backwards when we are taking away.

Understanding the World- We have been looking at Space and learning about all the different planets. We have watched lots of video clips of astronauts in space and found it very funny that they were floating around in their spaceship. It was especially funny when the astronauts were throwing food in the air to catch in their mouth. We know that this is because there is no gravity in space!

Expressive Arts and Design - A lot of chatter can be heard in our role-play areas as we enjoy role-playing with our friends. At the art table, we have cut out shapes to make rockets, used cling film, paint and paper plates to make planets and have enjoyed designing, drawing and naming our own aliens. We have also had a lot of fun as we made our model vehicles out of recycling. We followed our designs very well and then talked about how we could have made our models even better! In our music lesson this week we moved to music, found the 'pulse,' talked about the tempo and talked about how it made us feel.

Please keep checking the website for photos of our exciting experiences in Reception.

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Ideas for fun learning at home -

- Why not draw pictures sequencing your day and bring it in to show us.
- Practise using the words first, next, then, after, finally when describing the order you do things in.
- Tell your family something you have learnt about space and the planets.
- Practise writing numbers to 20.
- How many different types of transport can you think of? Write a list and show your teacher.

Notes for next week 6.03.23

- If you haven't already, please sign up for our Mystery Reader sessions. They have been so popular and we are taking bookings for the end of June now!
- Please remember to bring your child's book bag to school every day.
- Library books are changed every Monday - please make sure your child brings their old one to school on Monday.
- Reading books are changed on a Wednesday. Please make sure your child's clear plastic folder (RWI Pack) with their books inside, is brought into school every Wednesday.

Enjoy the weekend and see you on Monday.