



Language Development:

Children will be introduced to a range of language associated with our theme and they will be encouraged to use this language as they play and explore in the nursery. Throughout November we will read a variety of stories that will enhance the children's awareness of night time and stories that will extend their knowledge about outer space. Some of these stories include: 'Laura's Star' by Klaus Baumgart, 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy, 'Say Goodnight' by Emily Manning and Becky Cameron and 'Five Minutes to Bed!' by Richard Dungworth. Read to your child daily and encourage them to discuss pictures and predict events.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We will be discussing how it is important to stay safe at night and when going on a journey, encourage this also at home. Talk to your child about feeling scared and ways in which they can feel safe. We will be focusing on night time hygiene routines and therefore, encourage children to talk about brushing teeth, bathing and washing at before bedtime.

Early Mathematical Experiences:

Children will be introduced to the colour black and the star shape. They will be encouraged to observe colours and shapes naturally during play indoors and outdoors. Children will continue to be familiarised with language associated with shape, colour, size, time and quantity. Throughout November, children will be introduced to sorting and matching activities to enhance their mathematical skills. Please continue to encourage your child to observe shapes, colours, size and quantity at home and encourage them to sort items for enjoyment. As we are focusing on night time, talk to your child about things they do during the day and at night to help raise awareness of time.

The Arts:

Encourage your child to draw, paint and make to express their ideas and experiences. In nursery we will be making lots of night time related creations as well as space rockets. Imaginative play is critical to your child's development, play alongside them encouraging use of imagination based on night time or space. Children have a bedroom role-play area at present. Our songs this month are available on our website and on your printed newsletter.

The World Around Us:

Discover changes of night and day with your child particularly concerning daylight and darkness. Talk about the moon and stars and role-play being astronauts flying to the moon! We will be encouraging children to investigate and explore a range of topic related resources in nursery including space ships and magnets!

Physical Development and Movement:

Children will be provided with activities to develop their fine and gross motor skills, such as threading beads, selecting small materials, running, climbing, etc. Energetic play is very important to your child's development, health and well-being.