

### Communication and Language

We will continue to have daily discussions about shared stories and weekly discussion group activities related to our topic. We will support the children to use more adventurous vocabulary during these discussions and in their play. Children will be supported to listen attentively for longer periods of time.

### Understanding the World

We will talk about the weather and changing seasons and explore how to care for animals during the winter. We will make bird feeders to hang up around the school grounds. The main focus in this area of learning this term is learning about what happens at night. We will find out about nocturnal animals, people who work during the night and explore a little about the moon and stars.

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### Expressive Arts and Design

We will explore images of constellations to inspire our own artwork and experiment with different materials when creating our own models of the planets. Children will also learn how to create different shades of paint by adding small amounts of white or black to colours. After being taught, they will be encouraged to use this skill during time in provision.

### Starry Night



### Literacy

Reception children will continue learning phonics through the Little Wandle programme, focusing on Phase 3. They will learn new sounds, practise tricky words and begin to read and write longer words independently. Nursery children will learn one sound each week and develop their listening skills through regular story sessions, talking about characters and settings. Children will take part in Drawing Club three times a week, where they will practise writing words and begin to write short phrases. At the end of the term, Reception children will complete their first formal writing unit based on *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In PSHE lessons, we will talk about ways to keep ourselves safe. We will talk about our bedtime routines with a focus on good sleeping habits and good oral hygiene. Through the use of stories we will begin to explore some more complex feelings such as 'bravery' and 'fear'. In provision, we will be

### RE

We will look at two units this term:  
Where do we belong and what makes it special?  
What stories are special and why?

### Physical Development

Reception children will continue with the Little Wandle handwriting programme, building on pattern work by developing more controlled pencil movements and beginning to form letters correctly. There will be a continued focus on correct pencil grip, posture and control during writing and mark-making activities. Nursery children will take part in daily fine motor activities, including forming pre-writing shapes and movements to strengthen hand control. In PE, children will develop their coordination and confidence as they learn to use equipment such as bats, balls and beanbags.

### Mathematics

Reception children will be introduced to the number 0, practise subitising to 5 and match numerals to quantities. They will learn about numbers 6, 7 and 8 in depth and talk about them in terms of '5 and a bit'. Nursery children will recite numbers beyond 5 and count objects to 5. They will use the language of 'more' and 'fewer' and solve real world maths problems using number 1-5. Both year groups will learn about mass and capacity in addition to exploring simple time-related language.