

# Reception for week beginning 20th April 2020

Dear Parents,

In school we would be exploring the topic Space. Here are some ideas of the activities that we would carry out. These are just ideas, you can do anything similar or totally different. Please do not feel restricted to what is here.

Please complete a daily phonics and maths activity use [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) (free at the moment) or if you go onto Mr Mc- Early Years/ Key stage 1 facebook page he is delivering daily phonics lessons for you to watch.

## Expressive Arts and Design

- 1: Watch and listen to the Solar System song [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZ-qLUij\\_A0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZ-qLUij_A0)
- 2: Set up a space rocket/role play area - this could be done by making a 'den' with sheets. Add costumes, 'aliens' (cuddly toys) controls and helmets (colanders)
- 3: Make a jetpack from two upside down pop bottles connected together with tape. Add arm straps and tissue flames coming out of the bottle openings.  
<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/602989837585653348>

## Physical development

Make 'Moon dough' <https://afewshortcuts.com/how-to-make-moon-dough/>  
Pretend to be a spaceman - put on your space suit, boots and helmet walk around using big steps.  
Make papier mache planets, paint and hang from the ceiling  
<https://www.instructables.com/id/Papier-Mache-Planets/>  
Try a Cosmic kids Yoga story. <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>  
  
Try some of these PE challenges: <https://www.pechallenges.com/>  
  
Dance and Beats <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9kc9fRpmG771kRN7zgTWpQ>  
  
The children really enjoy Koo Koo Kangaroo in school here is the link for you  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbPGvZDNoY0>

## Understanding the World

Look at the planets in books and YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=libKVRa01L8>  
Look at real astronauts in space <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bCoGC532p8>  
Watch rocket launches online <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnoNITE-CLc>  
Look at the stars - discuss constellations  
Look at the moon - What can you see?  
\*Perhaps they can draw a picture and write about what they have found out about and I can share it on Tapestry.  
  
\* Use a camera to take pictures / videos of what they are doing to demonstrate their ability to use and understand the different forms of technology.

## Literacy

Read books about Space -

Aliens love Underpants <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6uwg30JrE>

Q Pootle 5

Whatever Next! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nn73STXrPP0>

Discuss the book while you're reading it. Ask the children questions, for example 'what do you think is going to happen next?', or 'how do you think she is feeling now?'

### **What would you take to the moon?**

Create a list of things and put them in a sentence.

e.g.

Space boots

A drink

A telescope

I am taking space boots so I can jump etc....

### **Can you tell / act out / write / record a story about going to the moon?**

Can you make up your own story about going to the moon. Get an adult to write it down for you or you could write it yourself. Act the story out at the end like we do at school.

### **Can you guess what rhymes with these words?**

**Sun - light -**

**Moon - dark -**

**Mars - night -**

**Star - shine -**

What other words can you think of that rhyme – can you create rhyming lists.

### **Play an I spy game**

eg 'Timothy Pope, Timothy Pope what can you see through your telescope? I can see something beginning with .....'(use the sound the word begins with eg 'sh' for shoe)

**Play 'a follow my instructions' game** eg 'Timothy Pope looks left'; 'Timothy Pope looks at the sky' your child could follow the instruction with their toy telescope (make one out of an old tube). You could make the game harder, by playing it as a Simon Says game; only following instructions if they begin with 'Timothy Pope'

### **Story lucky dip**

Put together a story bag, either using pictures drawn/stuck onto pieces of card, or small toys/objects from around the nursery. Get the children to pull them out one by one and use them as narrative props to make up their own stories.

## Maths

Sing - 5 little men in a flying saucer - focus on taking away - 'We had 5 we have taken 1 away how many do we have left?'

Number cards 1 -20. Ask your child to randomly choose a number card. Can they say what is one more and one less? e.g. 12 What is one more than 12? What is one less than 12?

Mix the number cards up (1-20) Can they put the number cards back in the correct order?

Fill a container with objects - Can they predict how many objects are in the container. You could make it into a family challenge.. Count the objects carefully to see how many there are. Who has the correct/closest answer?

Look at books/magazines - Can you tell what time of the day it is from the picture?

Talk about daily routines e.g. When do we get dressed, when do we eat lunch, what time do you go to bed?

Draw/cut out pictures that represent different times of the day e.g. breakfast cereal, clothes, a bath, pyjamas, a bed - Can they put the pictures in order to represent times of the day?

Look at parts of a clock - What can they see? Discuss the names of the parts of a clock e.g. hands, face, numbers, second hand, minute hand. Can the children draw a picture of their own clock?

Really useful websites that will keep them busy

### **Hungry Little Minds**

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Supported by the DfE – activities for parents/carers to engage in with their children Birth to five years old. Includes electronic links to a variety of other EY online resources.

### **BookTrust**

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

Interactive stories and games.

### **Chatter Pack**

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning> - lots of links to resources and guidance

### **National Geographic Kids**

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes for young children.

### **The Kids Should See This**

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com>

Wide range of cool educational videos

### **Crash Course Kids**

<https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>

You Tube videos on many subjects for a younger audience

### **Paw Print Badges**

<https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk>

Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.

### **Cbeebies Radio**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>

Listening activities for the younger child.

### **Cbeebies**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>

Lots of fun games to play, songs to sing, stories to listen to – linked to children's favourite TV characters/programmes

### **Numberblocks**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>

Fun ways with numbers. Including: counting, adding on, subtraction.

### **Nature Detectives**

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities/>

A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

### **The Artful Parent**

<https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/>

Good, free art activities – you need a Facebook account to access the page

### **Red Ted Art**

<https://www.redtedart.com>

**Lingumi** (For children aged 2-5): Sets of learning games, speech recognition games and video-based games to help with a child's grammar and getting them speaking their first words early on. <https://lingumi.com/>

**Kaligo** (For children aged 3-5): The first digital handwriting exercise book using a stylus and tablet, built using AI and co-created with teachers, occupational therapists and neuroscientists. <https://www.kaligo-apps.com/>

**Phonics Hero** (For school-aged children): Over 850 fun, varied and motivating games take a child step-by-step through the 44 sounds, the reading and spelling of words, and how to conquer sentences. <https://www.phonicshero.com/>

**Teach Your Monster to Read** (For school-aged children): Covers the first two years of learning to read, from matching letters and sounds to enjoying little books, designed in collaboration with leading academics. <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

**Navigo Game** (For school-aged children): Focuses on developing skills that underpin reading, including phonics, letters and sounds, designed by UCL Institute of Education and Fish in a Bottle. <https://iread-project.eu/game/>

**Fonetti** (For school-aged children): The world's first 'Listening Bookshop' interacting with children by giving visual cues in real-time as they read aloud and highlighting where the most support is needed. <https://www.fonetti.com/>

### **The Imagination Tree**

<https://theimaginationtree.com>

Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.

### **Five Minute Mum**

<https://fiveminutemum.com/>

Lots of fun ideas. Provides an outline of how parents/carers could structure their day. In addition, she is planning to provide a video a day on what games to play.

## Instagram

@oliverjeffers – Reads a story every night 6pm

## Interactive Phonics Resources

**PhonicsPlay.co.uk** - Free resources for all Phases. School subscription £120/year. Also available as an app £0.79 (Phase 2 only. Phase 3 to follow soon). **FREE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PERIOD** <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

### Teach your Monster to Read

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

Phonics' and early reading. Free to register. Promoted and used by Oxfordshire schools

**Education City** - Subscription website for all curriculum areas. Links to Letters and Sounds and Jolly Phonics. Between £100-165 per curriculum area. <https://www.educationcity.com/>

**TESiBoard** - Free resources available for all curriculum areas. iboard+ £11.99/year.

<https://www.tes.com/articles/ict-games-interactive-whiteboard-resources-and-activities-primary-and-secondary>

**Twinkl** - App covering all Phases £4.99 (lite version available for free) <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

**Oxford Owl website** – useful information for staff and parents. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home>

**Coosi box:** Creative Drawing & Share Imagination <https://www.educationalappstore.com/app/coosi-box-creative-drawing>

**Bizzibraings I Learn:** interactive storybook allowing you to add your own photos to the main characters

<http://literacyapps.literacytrust.org.uk/bizzibraings-i-learn/>

**ABC gurus** - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/abc-gurus/id932417099>

**Hairy phonics - My Story** a simple book creator app, great for making multi-modal texts. Children can insert photographs, clipart, saved images. They can also record their voice and there are a range of mark making tools for them to write and record their ideas.

<https://www.nessy.com/uk/apps/hairy-phonics-1-2/>