

In this topic children will talk about their experiences of light/dark & the night sky. We will find out about the stars/moon/space & explore some of the festivals that take place this time of year.

Communication and Language:

We will continue to listen well to stories & talk about the **characters (who)**, **events (what doing)** & **settings (where)**. **Sequencing** events in familiar stories we will try to use the repeating phrases we have heard & use them in our role play spaceship too. We will be playing listening games to develop our auditory memory & sound recognition and to follow longer instructions.

Reading:

We will continue to listen to stories with increasing attention and recall so that we can sequence events and talk about the characters. We will look at information books (non-fiction) about space. We will listen carefully to sounds and start to sort objects into sets with the same first sound & begin to recognise some written letters (graphemes).

Literacy:

We will continue to develop our pencil grip & control, for some pupils this will lead to beginning to form some of the letters in their name. *remember only a capital at the start & lower case for the rest*
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We will be drawing pictures/making marks and talking about what they mean, we will be trying to hear the first sound in a word to label a picture.

Physical Development:

Our fine motor skills will continue to be developed using playdough, a range of tools (scissors) and puzzles as well as making marks.
We will be developing gross motor skills exploring different ways of travelling with our bodies walking/running/jumping/slithering/crawling etc. ***Remember wear PE clothes every Friday***



Maths:

We will continue to develop our number sense to count and compare amounts (**more/fewer/same**) & to recognise numbers. We will use objects to begin to solve simple number problems.
We will name and use 2D shapes to make pictures and patterns (rockets, Rangoli etc.) as well as describe their properties using **round, curved, straight, corners, sides**. We will order by size using **longer/longest/shorter/shortest/taller/tallest**.

PSED: We will be talking about friendships and identify what makes a good friend using vocabulary such as **kind, helpful, caring, fun** etc. We will take pride in what makes us individual & celebrate our differences.

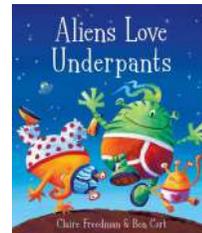
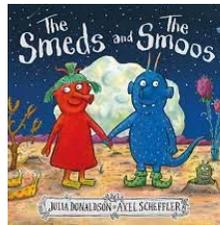
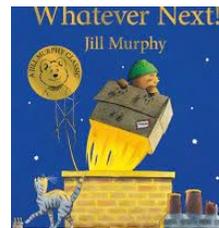
We will be learning how to keep **safe** when it is dark and around fireworks.

Understanding of the World:

We will find out about the celebration of Diwali, Christmas & the tradition of bonfire night and talk about our experience of these festivals.
We will learn to name some light sources & compare their brightness, explore the night sky (**stars, moon**) & space. As part of this topic we will explore electrical circuits and try to make bulbs work.

Expressive Arts and Design:

We will be developing our imaginative role play in the home corner while acting out family customs and traditions associated with festivals. During this topic we will create a spaceship for our role play area.
As part of our creative development we will be painting & creating large scale starry night pictures, making play dough space scenes/aliens & create junk model rockets.



Home Learning

What celebrations do you and your family take part in?

What special things do you do? Share a photo of a special family celebration send it to;

cygnets@oldbrookschoo.co.uk

Can you make a rocket using **2D shapes**? Or a **3D** rocket using junk modelling items. Bring your rockets into nursery to hang on our display.



Go outside with a grown up when it is dark...can you see the moon? Draw what shape the moon was - is it the same shape all the time? Draw the different shaped moons you see over the next few weeks. Can you see stars? What do they look like?

Sing along to the traditional rhyme Twinkle Twinkle Little Star



Websites

Try these phase 1 phonic games:

www.phonicsbloom.com

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Sing our song of sounds at;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=48uf9I6P2xQ>

Listen to the our topic stories;

Whatever Next - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6c5cb0u0rPM>

The Smeds & The Smoos - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRpTgV-k9j8>

Aliens love underpants - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADnAGBWlzqE>

Try these shape games:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>

The main stories we will explore in class:

Whatever Next - Jill Murphy

The Smeds & Smoos - Julia Donaldson

Aliens love Underpants - Claire Freedman

Range of non-fiction books; space, night sky, moon, stars