



Reception: Spring Term 2023

Starry Night



Communication and Language

- Talking about what we have observed
- Sharing and acting out bedtime routines
- Developing our vocabulary learning new key words such as 'nocturnal' and 'diurnal'.
- Reading and acting out class texts 'WhateverNext!', 'Peace at Last', 'Owl Babies', 'How to Catch a Star' and 'Can you Sleep Little Bear?'
- Thinking about sounds that we hear at night
- Asking questions to develop our knowledge
- Sharing our ideas in discussions

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Role play and turn taking games
- Working together to create
- Talking about the feelings of characters in books
- Exploring bravery
- Oral health- why it's important to brush our teeth at night
- Building our resilience- trying new challenges
- Understanding healthy choices

Physical Development

- Developing fine motor skills
- Forming letters in handwriting groups- curly caterpillar, one-armed robot, zigzag and ladder letters
- PE- GetSet4PE Fundamentals 1 & 2 – Physical (e.g. galloping), Emotional (challenging myself), Social (working with others), Thinking (selecting and applying actions).
- Choosing tools for practical tasks
- Create art in different ways
- Manipulate malleable materials

This project explores the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. It teaches children about the importance of a good night's sleep and helps them to discover what is happening in the world while they are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals. They will also be learning about winter and seasonal changes in our companion project 'Winter Wonderland'.

Look at your child's Tapestry online learning journey to see their learning. Please remember to share what they have been doing for home learning too. We are happy to help if you are unsure what to add!



Understanding the World (Driver Subject)

- Exploring our environment
- Learning about what happens in the world around us when we fall asleep- moon, stars, night-time animals, people who work at night.
- Nocturnal animals
- Technology- programming Bee-bots
- Exploring materials and their properties
- Learning about owls and their special features
- Watching night-cam footage of animals- talking about their skills for finding food and exploring our own senses
- Exploring shadows and silhouettes
- Investigating light and dark
- Why is it dark at night?
- The moon
- Learning about Winter
- Changing states of matter

Literacy

- Writing captions for day and night pictures
- Sharing night themed stories.
- Making predictions and talking about story events
- Writing captions to show our ideas
- Labelling pictures to show information
- Writing in play- developing independent writing
- Story Pack activities – The Way Back Home

Monster Phonics

- Learning Phase 3 vowel digraphs and decodable and tricky words.
- Developing reading and writing sentences through traditional and Monster Phonics stories and songs.
- Having real and meaningful contexts to practice blending and segmenting taught graphemes.
- Reading questions and real and nonsense words
- 3 weekly reads with MP decodable texts to practice fluency and comprehension

Mathematics

Representing numbers in different ways; comparing numbers composition of numbers- number bonds; comparing mass- weighing comparing capacity; combining groups- addition- part whole model' making pairs; length and height; Time; addition, subtraction; ordering numerals; naming and describing 3D shapes; identifying and continuing patterns

Expressive Arts and Design

Charanga Music! Everyone! (1)

Learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs: Wind The Bobbin Up; Rock-a-bye Baby; Five Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed; Twinkle Twinkle; If You're Happy And You Know It; Head, Shoulders, Knees And Toes

Our World (2)

Learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs including: Old Macdonald, Incy Wincy Spider, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Row, Row, Row Your Boat, The Wheels On The Bus, The Hokey Cokey

- Bedtime role play
- Learning techniques- painting, collage, cuttingskills Van Gogh Starry Night (Art Day 23/2/23)
- Creating space pictures
- Colour mixing and exploring shading- light to dark
- Acting out stories
- Creating night-time animals
- Singing lullabies
- Making a cuddly toy (sock puppet)- DT week
- Junk modelling- building rockets
- Making wintery pictures
- Making dream-catchers