

Night and Day

25th November

Maths

Part and whole- We will begin to explore what these words mean in the mathematical sense and use the sentence below to explain the part and whole of objects.

e.g The [wheel] is a part of it and the whole of it is a [car].

We will also be investigating squares and rectangles and their properties- we will talk about what is the same and what is different about them and we will use them in our learning to make a 'shape night time' picture.

Expressive Arts and Design

We are going to use water colours to design our own planets to hang in our own Oak class solar system. This half term, we will be looking at using different joining materials and using tools for a purpose- for example, using scissors to make small snips.

We will be reading "How to catch a star" in drawing club and thinking about where we could travel on our rocket



Communication and Language

We are going to talk about how we can solve tricky social situations ourselves. This will support our work on kind hands so that the children know what to say and do if someone isn't being kind to them. This will include the words and vocabulary that they need to use as this may be something they are not familiar with.

We are working hard at sitting on the carpet during our Phonics session and our Maths session- these are both very short sessions at the moment while the children get used to sitting.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

Kind hands- this week we are talking about kind hands and what this means. The children will make their own hand to add to our class kindness display. We will talk about how we can be kind to each other.

We continue to have a feeling a day to discover what it means and how we can show that feeling or help others who are showing that feeling.

Phonics

We are now reviewing the single letter sounds for some children and other children are now learning the two letter sounds (diagraphs e.g. sh).

We are making simple cvc words using magnetic letters and boards, leading to starting to read simple cvc words by 'Fred talking' and then 'saying the sounds.'

You can watch the videos for the letter sounds on our school's virtual classroom on our website:

https://www.loxwoodschool.com/web/phonics_and_early_reading/635274

Literacy

Those children, who are ready, are now practising writing the letter sounds in books as part of their phonic session.

Children who are now blending sounds and reading words are bringing home reading books to practise this skill with you. Please do not worry if your child doesn't have a book yet- it just means they aren't quite ready.

Drawing club- the children are enjoying this mark making club- This week, we will be using "How to catch a star" by Oliver Jeffers as our inspiration.

Understanding of the world

We have been looking at the night time over the past few weeks, we have looked at nocturnal animals and how they find their food and where they live. This week, we are going to be describing the night time and what we see and hear at night.

We are going to look at the night sky and talk about the stars and planets and what they are.

Physical Development

Our PE day is on WEDNESDAY with Mr Green- Your children are working hard to change into their PE kits. Please encourage your child to change their clothes independently at home for practise.

We are encouraging those children who are ready, to hold a pencil and form the letter sounds that we have been learning.

Funky fingers- those children who are not reading to hold a pencil are taking part in funky fingers activities which are activities designed to strengthen the fine motor control

