

Communication & Language, Literacy

- Continue Letters & Sounds Phase 3
- Read variety of Space and Alien stories to practise recall, predicting how story ends
- Write recipes for Alien food
- Use our work on rhyme and alliteration to create silly Alien names
- Read 'Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs' books - story sack in Library Corner including activities
- Practising forming and writing Ladder and One-Armed robot letters
- Writing fact cards about dinosaurs/ care guide for own Alien (link to Flanimals books)
- Share the Chinese Zodiac story - animal masks to retell what happened
- Sequencing baking photo activity with captions

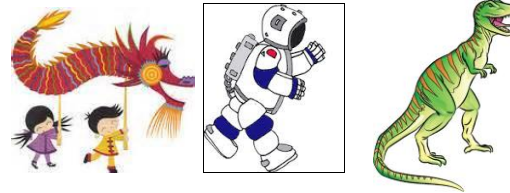
Expressive Arts & Design

- Using clay - Designing, making and painting own alien
- Sing related songs, eg We're all going on a Dinosaur Hunt, 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer, Bumpus Jumpus Dinosaurumpus
- Practice moving to music with Dinosaur Hunt dance & Gustav Holts' 'The Planets'
- Experimenting with sound - creating 'alien voices' with instruments
- Explore Space role play area/Dinosaur Hunters Hut
- Making own dinosaur fossil pictures using straw bones
- Create Chinese New Year decorations
- Explore using red paper and black paint to practise Chinese writing.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Taking turns and sharing fairly when playing in new role play areas.
- Working and co-operating with a partner
- Building up confidence to talk about self in positive ways
- Listening to each other and trying to understand their feelings
- Circle and Puppet times
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SPACE, DINOSAURS & CHINESE NEW YEAR – Spring 1



Physical Development

- Using tools safely during variety of creative activities
- Develop an awareness of space, others around them, to move safely in different environments.
- Play variety of parachute and ring games.
- Funky Fingers & Dough Gym activities to develop fine motor/ gross motor skills through jigsaws, construction, mark making, malleables, threading, weaving, large mark making outside.
- Use Chinese chop sticks to pick things up.
- Increase fine motor skills - letter formation
- Talk about how exercise affects the body
- Discuss healthy balance of food

Mathematical Development

- Counting in order to 5, 10 and 20 - dinosaurs into buckets
- Recognising numbers 1-10, 1-20 - digging for numbers & placing on number track
- Creating and recreating dinosaur patterns
- Exploring capacity, height & weight (link to role-play areas eg weighing moon rocks, measuring dinosaurs, measuring ingredients during Chinese Moon cake baking)
- Exploring simple ways of measuring time passing using timers
- Practice naming and ordering days of the week
- Applying number language correctly eg small, large, tall, short, light, heavy, empty, full
- Problem solving using different role play scenarios

Understanding the world

- Find out about dinosaurs
- Explore the features of dinosaurs/sort them
- Learn about bones and fossils
- Sand tray- excavate dinosaurs-mini dinosaurs.
- Discovering the planets and related vocabulary in Space role play area
- Watch rocket launches and space footage
- Make an instant rocket with water and vit C tablet.
- Watch clips about Chinese children preparing for New Year celebrations - what is similar or different to our New Year celebrations?
- Plan a Chinese New Year party.
- Use IWB and computer eg Espresso games paint programmes, maths & phonics games