

Activities to Support Home Learning Autumn 2021

Whole School Theme: Dreams and Imagination

Class: JB

Topic: Our focus author this term is Jill Murphy

Explore & Inspire

Curriculum Overview:

This term our whole school theme is 'Dreams and Imagination, and in class JB we will be exploring lots of stories written by Jill Murphy. Our main text is *Whatever Next!* and we will be using our imaginations to zoom off in a rocket and visit the moon, through our sensory story and space themed objects and resources.

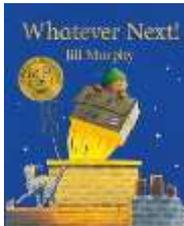
The quiet, sensory area of our new classroom is ready for our buddy astronauts to experience and explore cosmic sounds, night skies, lights and shiny, metal textures.

We will be using our senses to engage with different textures and materials, ingredients in our food tech visits and explore the world around us in our forest school expeditions.

Enrich

Core Book(s):

Whatever Next! By Jill Murphy



Supporting titles; *Peace at Last*, *The Large Family* stories, *On the Way Home*, *Just One of Those Days*.

Activity Ideas:

Communication

Read/ listen to our story daily, if possible. It could become a favourite bedtime story.

The key words to support language development this term are;

Night, star, moon, teddy, rocket and space.

These words are used throughout our sensory stories, are displayed around the classroom and are used in activities such as Let's Play.

Read/ listen to our story.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6c5cbOuOrPM>

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Use objects to enhance your story, we are using a box, teddy, crisps and bread for our picnic (just to touch and smell), a paper cup, cosmic playdough (with glitter), baking foil and bowls for helmets.

Sing songs about space or night time, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star and The Cow Jumped Over the Moon are easy to remember. Use the signs for star and moon as you sing.

Star https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7k80y_XB6UA

Moon <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cLkDQW7Fnk>

Introduce an object from our story into your Let's Play sessions, add a song to accompany it e.g. if you add a star sing Twinkle, Twinkle.

If you have switches at home add these to your story with the Whoosh and the Bump sounds.

Cognition

Explore shiny, metallic materials, use hands, feet, mouth to discover the texture and feel if safe to do so.

Listen to the sounds that metallic objects make, 2 spoons tapped together, the sound of foil as it's crunched up.



What can you see in the metal, look at reflections, lights and shape.

Use these objects to create a sensory basket for independent choice making. Add new objects when necessary.

Make a room/ area dark, use lights and touches to create a space theme. Add spinning CD's or baubles to watch and track.

Listen to cosmic sounds whilst playing and exploring.

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

Make sparkly playdough <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/playdough-recipe>, just add glitter.

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Cloud dough is a wonderful tactile experience.



All you will need is 1 cup of conditioner and 2 cups of corn flour. Mix together well, if you would like to make your clouds a different colour add a few drops of food colouring to the conditioner first.

Environmental Control Technology

Use a hairdryer on low, during your story, as the rocket zooms into space.

Explore bells and soft chiming objects.

Use switches, if you have them at home, to control fans with ribbons.