

Space Explorers

Meadow – Spring 1



English – TalkForWriting

Text: Ten Little Aliens by Mike Brownlow



Focus

We will be learning the story and new vocabulary.

Key Vocabulary

aliens

space

spaceship

flying

Numbers 0-10

Planets

Recommended Reads



Entry Point– Junk Modelling a rocket with parents

Communication and Language: We will be continuing to build our vocabulary through our Space theme. We will be continue to develop our understanding and use of questions.



Activities:

- Explore the night sky.
- Research and talk about space (use the internet, visit the local library)
- Answering what and where questions about an information book

Key vocabulary: What, where, stars, moon, sun, sky, space, planets, rockets, spaceships, astronauts

Literacy: We are learning to blend sounds together to read simple words. We are learning to read some tricky words (words that cannot be sounded out). We are continuing to learn how to write CVC words and are now beginning to write simple captions. We are learning to recite parts of our story, 'Ten Little Aliens'.

Activities:

- Practise holding your pencil correctly
- Read every day! Try reading to younger siblings or pets!
- Help to read your bedtime story. Can you spot any tricky words? Words you have learnt?

Key vocabulary: phoneme, grapheme

Creativity: We will be exploring how to paper mache and getting used to the glue going on our hands, without dysregulation. We will be creating rockets, planets, aliens and a volcano like the one in the book.



Activities:

- Design and draw a rocket of your own, what shapes will you need for paper mache.
- Use play dough to make your own alien.

Key Vocabulary: glue, paper strips, mold, smooth

Understanding the World:

We will be looking at the solar system and all eight planets. We will be exploring Earth and what makes up its colours. We will be looking at push and pull forces and how astronauts move about in space.

Activities:

- Look at pictures of space and the planets
- Look at clips of astronauts in space.
- Look at how they move

Key Vocabulary: stars, moon, sun, sky, space, planets, rockets, spaceships, astronauts, Earth, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Jupiter and Venus.



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Physical Development:

We will continue to develop our ball skills and gain control with our movements. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills, enabling us to hold a pencil correctly and cut with scissors.

Activities:

- Practise holding your pencil correctly and comfortably
- Play a game of catch with your family members. **Key vocabulary:** throw, catch, bounce, roll



Mathematics: We will be learning how to count and represent our numbers up to 20. We will be focusing on finding one more and one less within 20 and using different concrete materials to represent this.

Activities:

- Go on number hunt in your local area – Can you find a number to 20?

- Can you practice writing your numbers

Key vocabulary: number names, total, number sentence more, less, equal, add, take away

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will continue to look at the Zones of Regulations and the strategies to support children to regulate. **Activities:**

- If you are given something say 'thank you'
- If someone does something you don't like say "Stop"
- If you are feeling angry use your breathing strategies to calm yourself

Key vocabulary: kindness, good choices,

Exit Point–Children to sing the songs called 5 little aliens and zoom, zoom zoom to their parents.