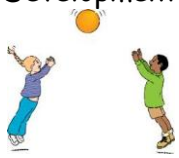
Pre-School Newsletter – Monday 30th November 2026

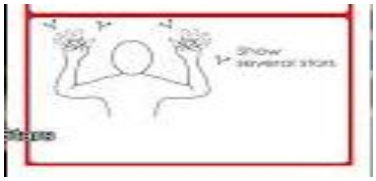
After great enthusiasm and engagement in our space topic, we will continue with a similar theme this week: stars.

Communication Language and Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Physical Development	Expressive Arts and Design	Personal, Social and Emotional Development
					
Listening to stories featuring stars, including My Pet Star by Corrinne Averiss, Tap the Brightest Star by Christie Matheson and How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers. Asking and answering questions about Tapestry posts and stories. Sharing our opinions about Van Gogh's Stary Night painting and listening to other people's ideas. Clapping syllables in our words of the week.	Counting stars, saying one number for each item and knowing that the last number tells us how many there are. Recognising numerals on a die/ counting or recognising the number of dots shown. Recognising number 7 	Learning about what stars really are through our Twinkle Rap!  Talking about different jobs people do including astronauts, astrologists and artists. Using all of our sense in hands-on exploration of space oobleck.	Developing our fine motor skills by using tweezers to add stars to jars and hanging stars on our funky fingers tree. Developing our gross motor skills through doing star jumps, space hops and moon leaps! Using and remembering patterns of movement linked to our concert songs.	Learning our Twinkle Rap and keeping/moving to the beat. Playing instruments with increasing control.  Looking at Starry Night by Van Gogh and creating our own loose parts starry night scenes. Creating shooting star pictures with chalks.	We will be working on the listening skills and understanding what they need to do to show us that they are ready to listen - sitting and listening rules- cris cross, hands in lap, eyes looking, ears listening Helping the children understand other peoples feelings and joining in. My turn, everyone's turn, X's turn Sharing tapestry posts for Oracy - big brave voice, look (at other children), point for speaker & listen and ask (use colourful semantic story question cards) for those sitting on carpet.

KEY WORDS THIS WEEK:

stars sky night twinkle bright pointy above challenge: constellations

SIGNS OF THE WEEK: stars



Click here to see the sign in action: https://www.google.com/search?q=ma-katon+stars&oq=ma-katon+stars&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJvbWUyCQgAEEUYORiABDII-CAEQABgWGB4yDQgCE-AAYhgMYgAQYigUyDQgDE-AAYhgMYgAQYigUyDQgEE-AAYhgMYgAQYigUyDQgFEAAYhgMYgAQYigXSAQgzMTA3ajBqOagCBrACA-fEFSmWsK29-LV8&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:c4a18bab,vid:W0tLHWxXkSk,st:0

TAPESTRY CHALLENGE:

Challenge your child to do 1/2/3/4/5/6/7 star jumps or space hops or moon leaps, saying one number for each jump/hop and remembering to stop when they get to the stopping number.

You could roll a die to choose the number of hops/jumps to do.

Virtual die: https://www.online-stopwatch.com/online-dice/



NUMBER OF THE WEEK: 7

Use this formation rhyme to help you write 7



HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME:

Help your child to learn the Twinkle Rap:
Twinkle twinkle little star
I know what you really are
A giant ball of glowing gas
One of billions in a mass
Twinkle twinkle little star
Oh how big you really are



Key Dates – Please see tapestry post for full details.

Saturday 5th December	**FOSP Festive Fair and Pantomime (see poster outside school)**
Monday 8th December	**Christmas shopping day**
Wednesday 9th December	**Pre-School End of Term Concert** 11am – 11.30am
Thursday 17th December	**Christmas Party/ Christmas Jumper Day** **School Christmas Lunch**
Friday 18th December	**End of term** Normal 11.45 finish. 30 hour and pm children to finish at **2pm.**