Teacher: Laura Hall Term: Summer: Space Class: Seedlings

We will be covering these areas this term:

Literacy:
Books: 'Back to Earth with a bump'
Space nonfiction and fact books
Writing in the sand and using matching games to recognise HFW CVC words from the story.
Working on prewriting skills through making marks in different textures in messy play. Using the Perspex easel and overwriting acetate.
Copying the mark making patterns in the back sand.
Being part of the sensory story 'the wonder of space'.
Using signs and symbols in the environment for snack choices.

Mathematics – 5 little aliens song – taking away and 1:1 correspondence.
Making shape rockets and robots and naming 2D shapes.
Counting out the number of planets; matching stars to corresponding number; using comparative language and superlatives bigger/smaller etc; learning about weight through using the scales

PSED – working in our intergalactic café – sharing and caring for others.
Learning about a different culture as part of world awareness day.
Learning to share with others.
Developing our independence and self-help through dressing skills.

This Term the main focus topic is:

Space the final frontier

Expressive Arts and Design
Threading beads and baubles to make a collaborative galaxy.
Painting planets; the moon and stars. Making fluffy paint and moon sand to explore and investigate. Using beans and lentils to make textured planets.
Making 3D junk model rockets; playdough aliens and tin robots.
Painting on different surfaces including tin foil. Space themed songs.

Understanding the world –
Becoming aware of space; the dark and the night. Learning about the moon and the planets – colours; size; order; shape. Space walks – using the vestibular equipment to help the children become aware of gravity. Walking on bubble wrap and preventing we are on the moon.
Watching live feeds of the ISS.
Science experiments using rockets – how high can we get our rocket to fly. Investigating foam linking to space; colours; texture and movement. Exploring and investigating new textures with our hands.

Physical Development – space themed songs in PE – movement to music. Climbing over apparatus and pretending we are on the moon.
Working on ball skills and parachute games themed on space.
Using playdough to make aliens. Using moon sand and modelling tools.
Baking using tools to stir; sieve; cut and roll.
Walking around the school grounds and park building up stamina and walking over different terrain. Using the scissors to cut on planet shapes and snip collage materials.

Communication and Language:
Learning new vocabulary and signs related to space.
Playing in the moon rocks role play laboratory – acting out and investigating; playing in the intergalactic themed café and ice-cream parlour.
Talking about a different country and culture.