

Reception Home Learning Ideas

This week we have been learning using the story 'The Darkest Dark' and learning all about space. Here are some ideas of how you could continue their learning at home:

- Can your child use junk modelling to create a rocket shape? Can they name the 3D shapes and tell you why they have chosen those shapes and materials.
- Read related stories based on space such , Whatever Next! How to catch a star and The Smeds and the Smoos
- Design an alien. Draw a picture and the children to label it/write a sentence about it. For example, "It is green." "It has three arms."

In maths, we are learning number skills (to recognise number patterns). Some ideas of how you can continue the learning:

- Play a board game with a dice
- Play cards
- Counting every day actions such as counting the stairs as you go up.
- Set the dinner table - counting out the amount of knives and forks you need.
- Write numbers on the ground with chalk. Call out a number and have children throw a wet sponge at it.
- Use small toys to act out number stories (addition and subtraction). For example, "You have 3 teddy bears. 2 more join. How many now?"
"There are 5 biscuits. We eat 1. How many are left?"

Some other fun learning ideas:

- Listen to your child read their Little Wandle phonics book.
- Ask your child to write a sentence about the weather. For example "It is hot."
- Ice investigation - Freeze small toys inside ice cubes. Let the children explore and predict what will happen as the ice melts.
- Water play -Provide cups, jugs, funnels, and spoons. Practise filling, emptying, and comparing amounts. Use vocabulary such as *full*, *empty*, *more*, *less*, *half-full*.

You will need:

2 cups plain flour

½ cup salt

2 tbsp cream of tartar

2 tbsp vegetable oil

1 cup of boiling water

Optional: You may wish to add a few drops of food colouring or food extracts and flavourings, such as orange extract or rose water, to add a particular scent to your dough.

Method:

1. Mix together the plain flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl.
2. If you are using the optional ingredients of food colouring and/or food extracts and flavourings, add these now to one cup of boiling water.
3. Stir the mixture well until it is combined together.
4. Once you feel that the dough is cool enough to touch, place it on a flat surface and knead until the dough is smooth and stretchy.
5. Twinkl's Best Quick Modelling Dough is now ready for children to discover, manipulate and play with.

