

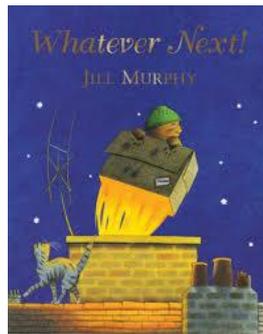
# Nursery Learning Pack – Week 5 (11/5/20) Summer Term

Hi guys, I am missing you all so much, here are some ideas, activities and games to share at home. In nursery we do lots of independent learning as well as adult directed learning, its important children get to work on some of their own ideas because they will have loads. I think it is also important to remember children at this age and stage of development will have a shorter attention span than older children when working on adult directed learning. I would only expect children to stay on task for around 15-20 minutes at one time. Little and often is the key, also revisiting and adapting games and activities. Some revisiting is good if children have challenged their skills and thinking. Have fun and enjoy learning and spending time together.

This week we can think about going into space for our journey.

Here is a story to start us off:

<https://youtu.be/IXzp4iw15-s>



## Reading every day

Choose a story the children like to read with you and explore it in more detail. Take time to talk about the characters, who do they remind children of? How do children think they might be feeling? Where the story is set, is it now or a long time ago? Is it in a city or the countryside? Look closely at the illustrations do you notice anything new?

## Reading task

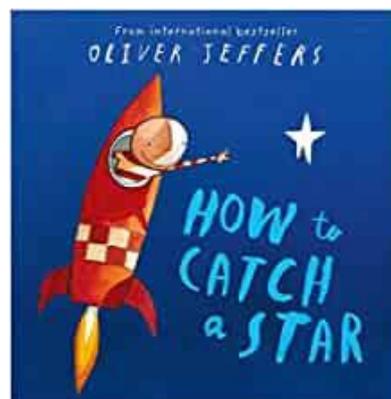
Listen to this story together and talk about what you would take on a trip to the moon. Do you have any other stories about space travel? If you have, share them on Twitter with us.

You might have some information books about space. If not, you could have a look online to find out about space. It is important you share your reading skills with children so they want to learn how to read too.

Here is another story you might enjoy together

How to catch a star:

<https://youtu.be/3oQcKxE-ck>



## Writing every day

Writing is important and children in nursery are at lots of different stages of writing, some are making marks and giving them meaning. This is an important stage of writing development, take time to listen to what children are saying about their marks. Some children are ready to draw pictures to represent their feeling, thoughts and stories. Again, show lots of interest in this. Some children might be doing pretend writing, again this is important at this point, you could say, 'oh let me show you how I write that', and model some simple words.

Let children be the illustrators of a story and you write the story for them. The children might want to change the story in parts. Most importantly have fun, remembering they might only stay focused for 10-15 minutes - this is okay - stop and come back to it later, or another day.

Have a go most days to write or make marks. This can be colouring in too. This is a nice calm activity. It is also nice to have plain paper so children can develop their own ideas too.

## Writing task

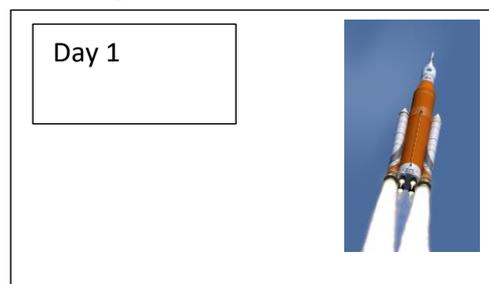
Write a newspaper article about going to space. You could help children record their adventures in different ways, drawing pictures for instance or you could take photos and do this on a computer if you have one? Remember writing skills are more than just writing letters and words. We don't all read newspapers every day now.

You could make a diary of your week's adventures in space?

'Day one - we found a space ship next to the front door, we decided to....'

Help them with some of the writing. Breaking down what they want to say and remembering it so they can tell you as you write for them.

You could record a video diary. This will help children organise their thought into sentences. Practice and remember what to say. All useful writing skills.



## Maths every day

Maths is everywhere so when children are playing independently you could add some mathematical ideas. Explore shapes, not only their name, but some properties of shapes. For example, how many corners has that shape got? Do they fit together without any gaps? You can make number problems anywhere. We had 3 bowls of ice cream, daddy took one away, how many have we got left? There are lots of skills involved in counting. Counting by rote, counting how many you have, matching an amount to a number. The children will be at different stages of their mathematical journey. It is really important children understand the value of a number, they need to explore the 'Three-ness of 3'. It would be great if children know and understand numbers to 10 when they start Reception. Some children will already know this, so work on teen numbers if they are ready. Also, adding one more or taking one away. Again, have fun with numbers and shapes.

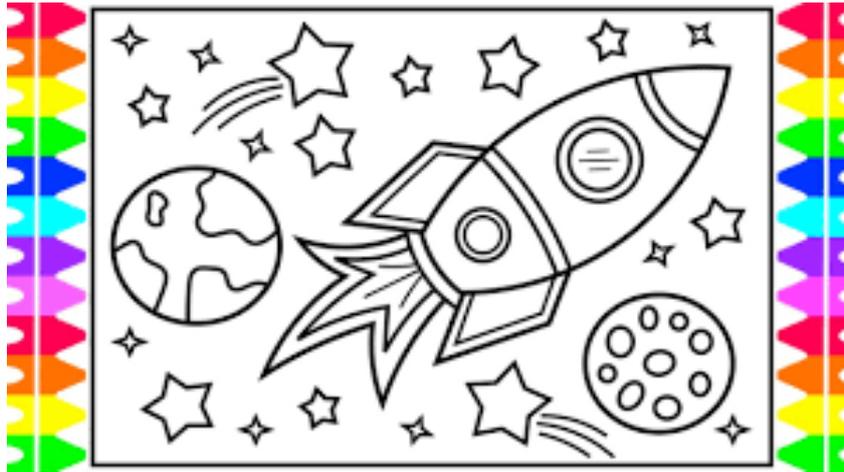
## Maths task

Here is a number song to sing together.

[https://youtu.be/7\\_1-TrP9jwA](https://youtu.be/7_1-TrP9jwA) Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer

Here we work on shapes. What are 2D shapes called? Look at some simple 3D shapes around the house, cubes, cylinders, cuboids. It is good to learn the name of shapes, but it's also important to explore the properties of shapes. What is same and what is different about a rectangle and a square?

Can you see how shapes fit together to make different pictures. What shapes can you see in a rocket ship?

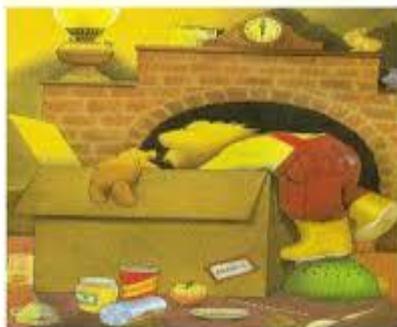


Can you draw a rocket ship using squares, rectangles, triangles and circles?

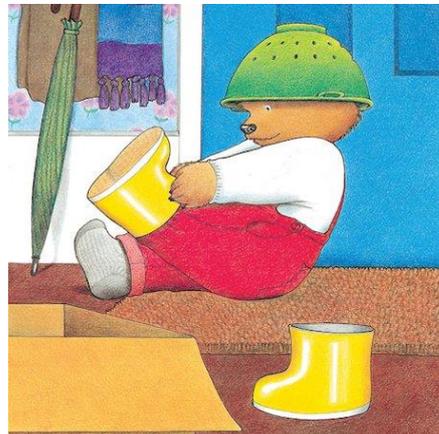
Another Maths concept to work on this week is using positional language. With all the space travel you will do this week, add in words like under, in, on, next to, behind... See what children know already and what new ones can you use in play?

## Making challenge

Can you make your own rocket to go to the moon or space?



He packed his teddy  
and some food for the journey  
and took off up the chimney...



You do not have to have a box. Use sheets and chairs, cushions, pillows. Let children be creative, make sure it is big enough for you all to get in!

## Topic challenge

What can you find out about space together?

This is a short clip you might find more information. <https://youtu.be/FDTx9ZH2SpM>

It is getting late now before it's dark but if children are able to stay up, why not have a star gazing walk if it's a clear night?

## Self-help and life skills challenge

This week why not let children help you sort out the washing into different piles. You can use different categories, pants and socks here, t-shirts there, trousers in this pile etc.

Let children help to put the clean clothes away if they can. They could pretend they are in a space ship which has to be tidy because it will only be small.

## Physical and quiet time

Have a go at Zooming to the Moon.

<https://youtu.be/LqI13as8yBk>

Here is a nice Peace Out Moon and Stars. Hope you are enjoying them as much as me.

<https://youtu.be/QQCnWvwrO8U>

Have fun this week visiting space. Put some pictures on Twitter so we can see what you have been up to.

**The most important thing is to enjoy spending time together whatever it is you are doing. If you can, share your ideas on Twitter, I know others will love to see what you up to.**

**Missing you all, have fun and I will see you all soon.**

**Suzanne**

**x**