

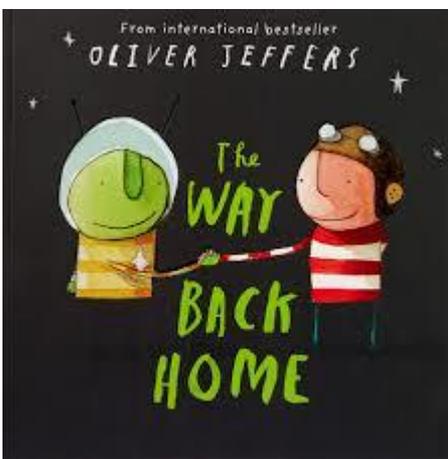
# Nursery Learning Pack – Week 7 Summer Term (1/6/20)

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 are going to think about going into Space!**

Here is a story to start us off: The way back home by Oliver Jeffers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbyUrb0X5iU>



Have a go at playing Space mission.

- Plan what you need to take with you.
- How will you get there?
- What will you eat and drink?
- Where will you sleep?
- What will you wear?

## 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 1

Do you have any stories about Space? If not, can you draw a picture of space and tell the story of what's happening in it? The foundation for reading is language-telling stories and talking about past events are really important literacy skills. Use the 5 senses to talk about a past experience of a holiday, what did you see, hear, smell, taste and feel. You could tell your own stories together. Can you share your story with us?

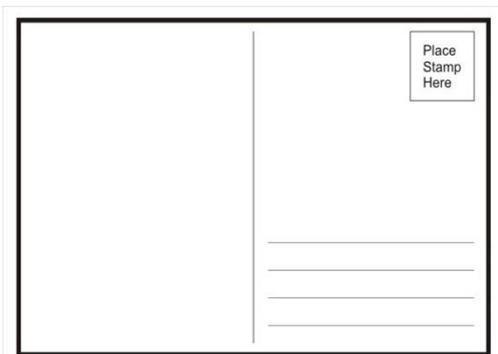
## Writing every day

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. 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 1

Write a postcard from your trip to the Moon! You could write to your friends or family and tell them all about your trip.



You could post it to school and we can put it up on your wall.

## 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 and making challenge



Can you make a rocket out of different shapes? Gather together some junk from your recycling and make a junk model of a space rocket. Which different shapes have you used?

## Self-help and life skills challenge continued!

How are children getting on with getting dressed by themselves - this is a big task to do it all at once, maybe break it down.

- I. Start with putting PJ's on.
- II. Once this is easy, try putting underwear on with t-shirts and jumper.
- III. Trousers, socks, tights could be the next target.
- IV. Finally socks and shoes. They are hard and need lots of practice.

What about making beds in the morning, putting dirty clothes in the washing basket or sorting clothes into different categories. This is a great maths activity, matching and sorting, thinking about 'the same' and 'different'.

## Physical and quiet time



Planets song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUxJhvRYJrM>

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.