

Things to do at home...

- ◇ Find out five facts about your favourite dinosaur.
- ◇ Make a space alphabet.
- ◇ Build a space rocket out of junk materials.
- ◇ Visit the library and find some information books about space and dinosaurs.
- ◇ Watch the space station fly overhead

<http://spotthestation.nasa.gov/>

- ◇ Design a dinosaur trap!

Please pop in and see any of our Early Years staff if you have any queries or you would like to help in some way!

Some useful websites:

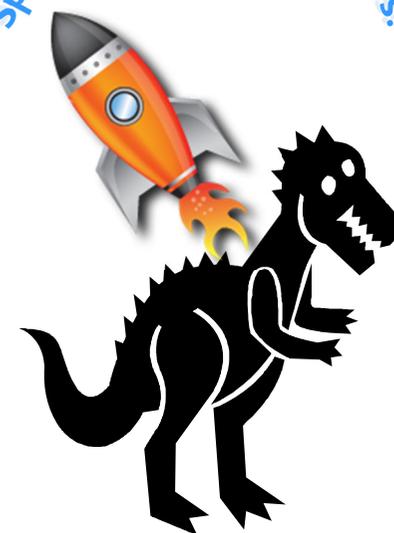
- <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/kids-only/dinosaurs/>
- http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/find_out/guides/animals/dinosaurs/
- <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html&>
- <http://tuxpaint.org/> (This is an excellent, free painting and drawing package.)

Please remember to be a safe and responsible internet user, have a look at the sites below for more information.

- * http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/
- * <http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/topics/safety-and-privacy/internet-safety-for-kids>

This half term we are being...

Space and Dinosaur Explorers!



Early Years Topic Booklet Spring

Every half term the children in our Nursery and Reception classes develop their skills through our cross curricular topic.

This half term we will be...

Space and Dinosaur Explorers!

Some things are so extraordinary that they seem impossible, so let's go...

'...to infinity and beyond!'

Through our learning and play we will be exploring some of the more incredible aspects of our world and imaginations !

Space
Dinosaurs

We plan our learning journey together, sharing our ideas about the exciting things that we would like to learn and find out about.

We will be learning and playing through the seven areas of our curriculum.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ◇ Circle time - exploring feelings and characters, dinosaur charades.
- ◇ Packing a space bag - what would we take on a space mission and why?

Communication and Language

- ◇ Role-play - space station.
- ◇ Recording space messages—Flip cameras.
- ◇ 'Space expert'—question and answer session.
- ◇ Alien Hunt - positional language.

Physical Development

- ◇ Space hopping - obstacle races .
- ◇ Boogie Beebies - moon walking.

Literacy

- ◇ Rocket space messages.
- ◇ Dinosaur word alliteration.
- ◇ Dino alphabet.
- ◇ Creating dinosaur stories.

Mathematics

- ◇ Rocket race - understanding and using the language of length and measurement.
- ◇ Comparing dinosaurs to develop the language of size.
- ◇ Dino counting.
- ◇ Counting forwards and backwards in ones and twos.

Understanding The World

- ◇ Designing and building a space station.
- ◇ Investigating the planets.
- ◇ Exploring the world of the dinosaurs.

Expressive Arts and Design

- ◇ Creating a giant space scape.
 - ◇ Alien masks—junk materials.
 - ◇ Dinosaur music and dance.
-