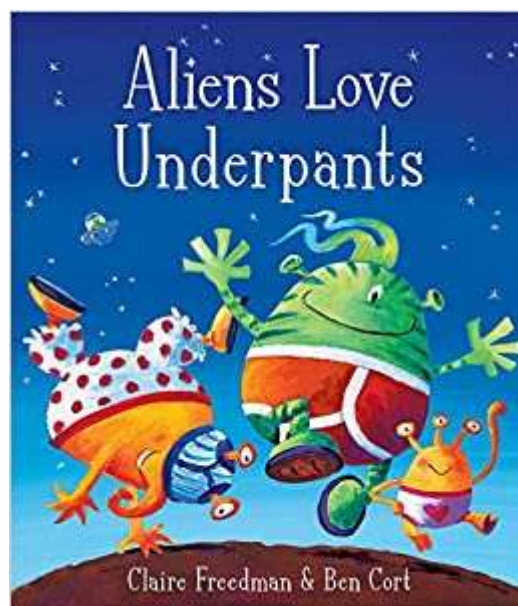


13th July 2020

It's hard to believe that we are coming towards the end of this strange term. This will be the last week of our home learning, but we will continue to post activity ideas in our Facebook group. We hope that you have enjoyed the activities as much as we have enjoyed seeing your work.

This week our ideas are linked to the story 'Aliens Love Underpants' by Claire Freedman. Read the story together to find out the real reason that aliens came to visit!



Here is a link to a reading of the story on YouTube, we hope you enjoy it:

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

Aliens Love Underpants Activity Ideas

Sorting the Washing

Oh no! The aliens have muddled up all of our washing! Can the children help you to wash it and peg it on the line? When it is dry ask for their help to sort it. They may decide to do this by item type, pattern or colour matching.

Mathematics - sorting and classifying

Physical Development – fine motor skills, pegging washing

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – helping others, looking after our things.



Patterned Pants

The story is full of different colours and patterns of pants. Which ones do you like the best? Why? Invite your child to design their own pair of pants – perhaps the whole family could join in!

Mathematical Development - talking about patterns

Expressive Arts and Design – using media and materials for a purpose

Personal, Social and Emotional Development - expressing preferences



Alien Sports Day

The aliens fly pants from their spaceships and hold upside-down pant races. They race with pairs of pants on their heads! Perhaps you could give it a try? Can you think of some other games that they can play at an alien sports day? Be sure to send us your photos ☺

Physical Development – moving in a variety of ways

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – thinking of rules for games



Amazing Aliens

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/playdough-recipe>

Make some playdough with the children (recipe above) Can the children create their own alien? Enhance the experience by offering craft resources e.g. googly eyes, pipe cleaners, pasta, sequins.

Physical Development – manipulating materials

Expressive Arts and Design – exploring and combining materials.



All About Space

What can you remember about space from our Whatever Next topic? Which planet do you think the aliens could be from? Use an internet search engine or non-fiction books to find out more about the planet.

Communication and Language – asking questions
Literacy – knowing that print can give us information

Understanding the World – finding out about the world around us, using ICT to find information



Alien Slime

Last week some of you made gloop by mixing cornflour and water. Extend this by adding green food colouring and you have alien slime! Encourage imaginative play by enhancing it with little toy aliens/figures and small world vehicles

Understanding the World – observing properties of materials

Physical Development – manipulating materials

Expressive Arts and Design – adding storylines to play



Other Ideas

Encouraging Independence

So many of you are heading off to school and we want you to be as independent as you can be. Practice getting undressed and dressed by yourself (this may be all clothes or just one item). Make it fun by setting a timer, using dressing up clothes during play or setting a blindfold challenge.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – developing independence

Physical Development – self-care skills



Snakes and Ladders

Snakes and Ladders is a brilliant family game. If you haven't got the game at home the children would enjoy helping you to make the game board, writing numerals and drawing on the snakes and ladders.

Mathematical Development – recognising and writing numerals, counting with one to one correspondence.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development - taking turns, following the rules of a game



Fine Motor Skills

Make random holes in a cereal box. Push straws, crayons or pencils into the holes. Give it to the children to explore – taking them all out will be fairly easy but can they push them back in?

Physical Development – developing fine motor control and co-ordination

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – perseverance



Feely Bag/Smelling Box

Hide an object in a bag. Invite your child to put their hand in and describe it. What could it be? Take turns in the game, modelling and extending vocabulary e.g. hard, soft, spiky, squishy, smooth, rough, bumpy. A similar activity could be done using a smelling box.

Communication and Language – developing and extending vocabulary

Understanding the World – using senses to explore



Spiders Web

Turn an area of the home into a giant spider's web using wool, tape or string. Can you get through it without touching it? How long did it take you? Use a timer to time each family member – who was the quickest?

Physical Development – gross motor control, awareness of space

Mathematics – using everyday vocabulary related to time



Water and more....

Water play is always a favourite with children, especially in the warmer weather.

Challenge- what can you add to the water to create a stimulating sensory experience? Ice, colouring and paint, pom-poms, pasta, or paper are just a few suggestions.

Physical Development – developing fine motor control and co-ordination

Understanding the World – using senses to explore

