

This week's book: Back to Earth with a Bump!



Personal, social, emotional development:

Since we are at home and this will be unsettling for the children, try to focus on stories that help your child talk about their emotions. Provide ways to support them to calm down when they are frustrated like making a rain stick calming bottle.



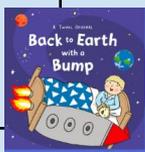
Communication and language:

We are trying to help the children to become 'because'ers! We want to extend their sentences using because so spend lots of time with your child trying to understand more. 'I don't want a banana' can turn into 'I don't want a banana because I like satsumas more'. Keep modelling it to your children with your reasons and encourage them to explain their opinions. Also look on Busy Things at the phonic games to support listening.

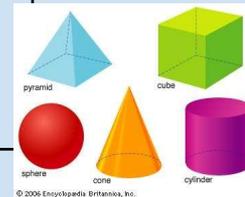


While you have time at home make sure your child has basic independence skills. It's easy to not realise that you have been doing it for them to get them out the front door quicker - we all do it! Make sure they can dress themselves, brush their teeth and hair, wipe their own bottom and put on their own shoes. Working from home is also a great time to build those scissor and sticking skills by making models at home.

Reading and writing:



Read the book again together and spot the rhyming words. You can have lots of fun with rhyming words at home too. Give everyone in your house a rhyming name e.g. Fiona biona or Nina is keener! The book also gives lots of opportunities for learning about space, encourage your child to ask questions and try finding out by asking other people or using books and the internet.



Maths

We are focussing on shapes. By the end of the week your child should know the name of a cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder and cone. Find examples round the house, make models with them out of the recycling box and spot the 2D shapes that are on them.



All the stories this term start someone normal but strange things happen. Encourage your child to make up stories with you. Pretend with them - a box could be your spaceship or boat to travel somewhere new! Listen to their stories with toys and encourage them.

