



WELCOME TO THE ARK



NEWSLETTER

Welcome

The team would like to say a huge welcome to Bryan, Dominic, Paxton and Stephen and their families. Also a welcome back to Jasper! We'd like to welcome the newest member of the team – Chloe, who will be joining us in March.

Holiday Club

We have just completed our first holiday club since changing the structure of the Centre to term-time only. This has been a huge success! The children have been on lots of trips including soft play, swimming, the cinema, shopping, café visits, discovery parc and they went on a bus trip into Chelmsford. They seemed to have loved being out in the community and this has been a great way to generalise a lot of their behaviour, language and daily living skills outside of the Centre. We look forward to seeing you next holiday!



We are learning about..SPACE!

The topic for the upcoming 6 weeks is space and planets. The children will be learning about space through books, stories, role

play, messy play, songs, arts & crafts and cooking activities.

Role Play

Our children are given as many opportunities to explore the space theme as possible.

Our focus for role play for the next 6 weeks will be:

- Space – under the loft blacked out with fairy lights and glow in the dark stars
- Inside a rocket – chairs and astronaut dressing up
- Aliens – masks, planets, sensory floor

Stories

Below is a list of stories we are going to be looking at and working on for the next 6 weeks:

- The star that fell
- Lui and the falling star
- Oliver who would not sleep
- Space song rocket ride
- Aliens love underpants
- Planets

Messy Play

We will be making papier mache planets, alien slime and moon dust for our space topic! As well as lots of painting activities.

Social Skills

The children will practice interacting with each other when supported by a familiar adult, responding to each other and listening to instructions from their peers by playing board games, small world play, physical activities and musical communication.

Charity Valentines Ball

The team here at The Ark Centre would like to say a massive thank you to all those who came to our Valentines Ball and all those who made it possible! We raised over £8000 in total which will all go towards much needed resources and equipment. Thank you for being so generous! We all had a fantastic time and hope you did too.



