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# St Nicholas

## February 2023

## Topic Program - February 2023

In the month of February, the children at Little Learners Nursery and Preschool will be developing their knowledge and understanding about: Space and Saint Valentine's.

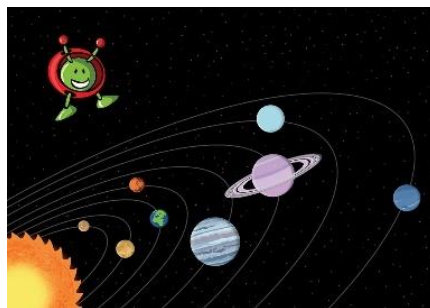
*These topics will be relatable to the seven areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The EYFS sets the standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to five years old within our setting.*

### Space

Space is a fascinating subject for all ages! But for children, it is even more mesmerizing. It is so abstract, so strange, and so captivating at the same time which helps children to use their imagination and get creative! The solar system, the moon, planets, rocket ships, astronauts and so much more are all so exciting and will be featuring daily!

The Solar System is made up of the Sun and all the smaller objects that move around it... Apart from the Sun, the largest members of the Solar System are the eight major planets. Nearest the Sun are four small, rocky planets - Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars... this children will make their own Space planets for display!

The children will be participating in many activities relating to space such as moon sand play, making our own planets, slime play, messy tray activities, science experiments, making rockets and stories about space.



### St Valentines

The purpose of Valentine's Day is to celebrate St Valentine- share love, affection, appreciation for those special people around us.

Children of all ages will have the opportunity to participate in art activities by making Valentine's cards and pictures for the people that they love and care about.

Older children in the preschool room will learn about the complex feelings of empathy, compassion and selflessness. Whilst younger children will learn sharing and companionship.

Children will develop mathematics skills by counting out ingredients, measuring liquids, mixing foods together and enjoy baking love heart cookies and sharing them with friends and family.

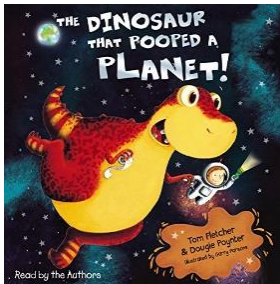
If the weather is good, we will go to the local shops to see decorations and items that are sold to celebrate Valentine's Day. This topic is closely related to the personal, social and emotional development area of the EYFS as the children learn how to show they love and care about others.



## Core books

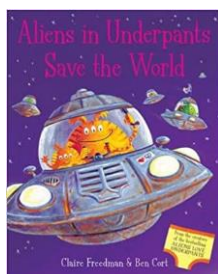
### Week 1&2: 'the dinosaur that pooped a planet'

Danny and Dinosaur are back, and this time they are going to space! But when Danny realises he's forgotten Dino's lunch box, the very hungry dinosaur eats everything in sight, including their only way home: the rocket! How will Dino get them back home?



### Week 3&4: 'Aliens in underpants save the world'

Aliens in underpants are back - and this time they are on a mission to save the world! A gigantic meteorite is heading for planet earth and the aliens' pants supply is under threat. Can our crazy aliens save planet earth and secure their pants supply forever more



## Our new songs for February are...

### 'Zoom zoom zoom, we're going to the moon'

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom  
We're going to the moon.  
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom  
We're going to the moon.  
If you want to take a trip,  
Climb aboard my rocket ship.  
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom  
We're going to the moon.  
5, 4, 3, 2, 1,  
Blast off!



### Valentine's song

I love you, you love me,  
Were a happy family,  
With a great big hug and a kiss  
from me to you,  
Won't you say you love me too!



## Parents please...

Wrap your children up warm when coming to nursery on colder days!

Safeguarding the children within our care is Everyone's responsibility. If you do have any suspicions or concerns-report them!

Lead Safeguarding officer-  
Terri Noone

Deputy Safeguarding officer-  
Jodie Richards

Little Learners policies and procedures can be found on our website!

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Topic Program, February 2023  
Parent Feedback Form  
'Space & St Valentine's '

What did you do with your children to incorporate the topic for February 2023 at home?

What do you think your child has learnt and how have they benefitted from this topic?

Are there any activities you would like to see happening more in nursery?

Child:

Age group: