

Personal Social and Emotional Development

- Anti-bullying
- Children in Need
- Taking turns and sharing toys
- JIGSAW – Celebrating Differences
- Build confidence and having their own friends
- Talk about own feelings confidently

How To Catch a Star Activities

- Use two contrasting illustrations from the story: when Boy is sad and later, when he is happy at finally catching his star.
- Discuss Boy's feelings and use sticky notes to label large versions of the illustrations.
- Ask children to suggest ways in which they could help Boy to smile.
- Talk about why Boy wants to catch a star so much. What do the children wish they could have that might be seemingly out of their reach?

Understanding the World

- Compare night and day pictures and talk about sources of light.
- Compare how different celebrations are celebrated and look at similarities and differences
- Nocturnal animals
- Create pictures of a star shining over different landscapes – a town or city; the countryside; the seaside; mountains, etc. Discuss their different characteristics with the children.
- Adaptation of animals to seasonal changes.
- Fruits and seeds
- Significant Events: Trick or treat, Bonfire night, Poppy Day, Christmas, Birthdays, Diwali.
- ICT – introduce iPads - finding information
- Research the night sky and find out facts about the moon and stars.

Mathematics

Numbers:

- Create number museums 2-5.
- Counting 0-5 from a larger group.
- One more than 0-5.
- Splitting 5 in different ways, total remains the same.
- Recognising numerals 0-5.
- Numicon, Numberblocks, 20 frame, Numberline

Shape, Space and Measures

- Encourage children to talk about the shapes in everyday objects.
- Now use the language e.g. circle, bigger to describe the shape.
- Model the use of size language such big, little and heavy, light.
- Use everyday words to describe capacity.

Physical Development

- Put on and hang up coat.
- Take off shoes and put on wellies.
- Carpet Skills
- Blowing your own nose.
- Toileting
- Putting straw into a milk carton.
- Try new foods.
- Wash and dry hands independently.
- Tidy up time.
- Hand-eye coordination activities- weaving, threading, weaving mark-making using Chalks and paint.
- Develop control over mark making tools.
- Gross motor skills: Parachute games, Wake and Shake, dough disco.

How to Catch a Star Activities

- Make a healthy packed lunch for Boy to take with him on his journey.
- Give the children opportunities to move in different ways around the room: Imagine that they are Boy blasting off in his rocket, or sailing away in his boat. What kinds of movements can we make?

Communication and Language

Nursery Rhymes:

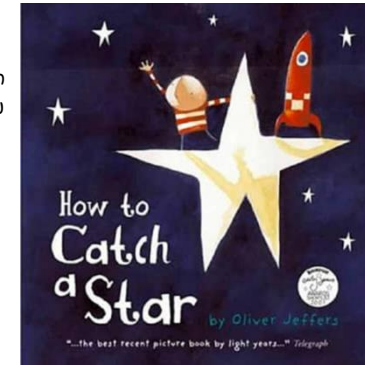
- Twinkle Twinkle
- Round and Round the Garden
- I'm a dingle Dangle Scarecrow
- I'm a little teapot

Phonics:

- Environmental sounds
- Instrumental sounds
- Body Percussion
- Rhythm and rhyme
- Voice sounds

How to Catch a Star Activities

- Children imagine themselves as one of the characters from the story and devise questions to ask each other about their experiences for use in a "hotseating" activity.
- Talk about what the children would like to happen if they went on a journey in a rocket – what might they see, hear, smell or who might they meet?



How to Catch a Star

by Oliver Jeffers

Expressive arts and design

- Role play area – dark zone
- Firework pictures and models
- Christmas cards
- Make salt dough stars
- Christmas tree decorations
- Create rocket pictures

How to Catch a Star Activities

- Use triangles and glockenspiels to create twinkly, starry sounds to team with certain parts of play.
- Make a stargazing telescope from a kitchen roll tube and decorate it with sparkly stars.
- Use watercolours and colour-washing to create children's favourite scenes from the book.
- Use black paper and pastels or chalks to draw night-time scenes.
- Use cardboard tubes, tissue paper and various other bits and bobs to make rockets.

Literacy

- Share books about, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Children in Need.
- T4W – How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers
- Letter to Father Christmas
- Christmas Card, Christmas list
- Sequence stories
- Handle books independently
- Show interest in pictures and print in books.
- Recognise environmental print.
- Mark making – drawing and painting
- Christmas Stories – The Nativity, Mog's First Christmas, The Night Before Christmas, Stickman.
- Picture/Name Recognition
- Unsupported: Coat peg

Questions

1. Where do you think the star on the beach came from?
2. What noises can you hear at night?
3. Where are the stars in the day time?
4. How did the boy catch the star?
5. How many stars can you see?