Week 7 home learning activities- week commencing 22/2/2021

We hope that everyone had a restful half term week, at least we had brighter, slightly warmer days to get outside a little more.

Our story this week is one that is always a favourite in school- Peace at last by Jill Murphy.  Please see the link to listen to the story.

There is some communication activities- please see below (if anyone has a printer at home).

Maths- Long and short focus.

Can we go outside (if dry) or stays indoors and make long lines or short lines of toys.  Or if you have any pasta or spaghetti to make different lengths.  Snapping spaghetti to see what different lengths you can make.

Topic (exploring the stars)- This week our focus is the planet Mars (the red planet).  Can we decorate the planet Mars (please see the link below).   Can we go on a hunt for red items around the house, in the garden or when you go out for a walk.

Science (exploring materials)- Using different materials around the house (socks- cotton, paper, plastic toys, or any other safe objects).  Can we experiment with the materials ?  Can we twist the materials? Pull the materials? Squeeze the material?

PHSCE/ RSE- Please see internet safety videos above and links to safe websites in the links also above.

**Communication** - Linking in with the story ‘Peace at Last’ have a walk around your house and garden and listen to the different sounds you can hear.  Can you listen as an adult makes some sounds that you could hear in the story?  Try and make your own alarm using a wooden spoon and pans – perhaps your adult could pretend to be asleep and then wake up when you bang on the pans!

**Early writing** – practise making marks and exploring different textures such as dried rice or pasta tipped out into a tray.  To link in with work on names – have a look at photos of yourself – see if you can find a photo of yourself and someone else in your family. Make different faces in a mirror or copy an adult’s funny face making.

**Number work** – listen to an adult counting as you go up and down stairs.  There is a fab number ordering game linked with Chinese New Year that you might enjoy.

**PE** – practise running around and chase games to get you moving.  Perhaps have a dance to some Chinese New Year music.  Practise jumping along the floor or on a trampoline.

**RE & Exploring Technology** – we have been finding out all about Chinese New Year.  This year is the year of the ‘Ox’.  There are some interesting video clips that tell you more about Chinese New Year stories and celebrations. (See links below).  If you have some different plastic animals at home create your own river and help the animals to cross the river just like in the Chines story about how the year’s came to be named after animals.  Perhaps you could taste some noodles and rice crackers and decide if you like or don’t like the different tastes and textures.

(Remember to only use safe internet sites.)

**Shape work** – we are exploring sphere shapes this week.  Can you roll a ball to and fro at home? Have a go at finding the hidden ball in a basket or shredded paper.  Can you make your own sphere shape from dough or even scrunched up paper? How many sphere shapes can you make? Try and throw a ball or scrunched paper into a bucket.

We hope you are all keeping safe and have a good week.