

Topic Ideas for Week 4 Year 1

Please remember these are just ideas and you can pick and choose from them and can do as much or as little as you wish!

Deaf Awareness Week – This is a great opportunity to talk to your children about deafness! You can use the Power Point as a starting point if you like. At school we learn some ‘Makaton’ signs as part of our everyday lives and use them in story mapping. I have talked to them before about a child I use to work with that had communication difficulties and used ‘signs’ to help her be understood. We have also talked about ‘Mr Tumble’ on ‘Something Special’ and how much I love him! So, this week why not have a look at ‘Something Special’ on Cbeebies, or YouTube, or even just use the Internet to look up ‘Makaton’ signs for colours, or foods. The children love learning new signs and this may help them in the future to have better understanding of other peoples’ lives.

Music! – How about having a go at making musical instruments! See if you can make a guitar using a cardboard box and an elastic band, or a drum using a saucepan, or a shaker using a plastic bottle and some rice! There are some good ideas and instructions on Activity Village - <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/musical-instruments> Once the children have made their instruments can they play along whilst singing their favourite Nursery Rhyme?!

Scavenger Hunt – Talk to the children about the fact that everything we have is made from a ‘material’. Most objects are made from ‘plastic’, ‘wood’, ‘glass’, ‘fabric’ or ‘metal’. Can the children go around the house and find at least 3 things to go in each category? (You can print off, or just write the labels if it helps the children remember which pile is which!) Can the children talk about how the items feel i.e. hard or soft, rough or smooth?

Healthy Eating – As you have your lunches and dinners this week talk with your child about what they are eating and whether it is healthy or not. You can discuss whether you can have a lot or a little of each food stuffs i.e. lots of pasta, but not too much chicken. There is a food groups chart to help you talk about what sort of foods you can eat a lot or a little of to make your diet ‘balanced’. Maybe you could draw an ideal plate of food using the plate template, or you could make a menu detailing what foods are in the dishes you have chosen.

Construction – The children may want to use some recycling to make the space craft that their character uses to get into space in their English story this week? Or maybe they could make the alien that they meet?!