# Blackbirds Topic Map

## Starry Night



## Literacy




We will continue to recognise and write our names and label our work with our name.
We will continue Drawing Club and we will also be using Talk for Writing, the stories that we will use will be: How to catch a star, Owl Babies and Peace at last.
We will also be learning a different Lullaby each week.
In phonics we will follow our Unlocking Letters and Sounds Scheme, we continue to learn our Phase 2 sounds and we will also move onto Phase 3. We will send home a list of the sounds that we have learnt at the end of each term.
We will be reading, writing and saying our CVC and CVVC words.

## Maths



We will continue to follow our 'Number Sense' programme this term. We will be partitioning and comparing numbers to 10 and will also be subitising these numbers.
The focus for this term will be finding 4 and 5, working out one more and one less for numbers up to 10. We will also be looking at shapes with 4 sides and where we can see these shapes in the environment. At the end of the term we will be looking at mass and capacity by using Christmas resources and materials.

## Creative development



The children will continue to be independent with their creative development and the main focus this term will be Christmas craft! The adult led activities that we will focus on will be: self-portraits out of stars, poppies for Remembrance Day and firework pictures for Bonfire Night. In literacy, we will be making rockets, star dough and glitter stars. We will also be creating clay owls, habitats for nocturnal animals, Christmas cards and Christmas decorations.
The main focus for music this term will be practising our nativity and Christmas songs.

## Communication and Language



This term we will focus on getting to know each other. In circle time, we will talk about our different likes and dislikes, about our family and where we live.
We will be encouraging the children to talk in sentences through daily practice.
We will also introduce the children to new vocabulary through our daily routines.

## Knowledge and Understanding of the world

We will start the term by going on a welly walk to explore seasonal changes in our local area.
We will focus closely on the changes from Autumn to Winter by looking at the changes in the leaves and trees, we will be leaf painting and leaf sewing.
We will also look at the different planets in the solar system, we will be naming these planets and making them out of paper mâché. We will also be looking at different forces through making our own rockets. We will also look at space travel from the past to the present.
For Owl babies, we will be looking at and sorting different nocturnal animals.





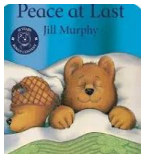
## Personnel, social and emotional development

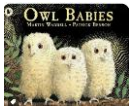
We have learnt the rules and routines of our school and daily school life brilliantly since September! This term we will focus on how we make relationships and how we share and are kind to our friends throughout the school.
We will also be valuing difference, and looking at what might be different and the same in each family, in our homes and as individuals. We will also be looking at what makes a good friend.

## Physical Development

We will be introducing the children to our PE teacher Mr Swift. In his PE lessons he will be focussing on 'multi skills'.
We will also be doing indoor gymnastics which looks at the children's balancing, skipping, running and hopping skills.
The children will practice their gross motor skills by using the equipment in the outdoor area and daily use of our bikes and scooters. The children will have daily opportunities to practice their fine motor skills through different activities such as beads and tweezers, threading, cutting skills, mark making.
We will continue to practice our handwriting daily.



# Blackbirds Class Knowledge Organiser

## Our Essential Knowledge

Writing my name
Knowing my Phase 2 sounds
Knowing and using numbers up to 10
Knowing the difference between day and night
Naming some nocturnal animas



## Starry Night



## Our Big Questions

Where does the sun go at night?



Do all animals go to sleep when it is dark?

Can you ever see the moon when it is daytime?

## Our Key Vocabulary

Constellation
Starry
Nocturnal
Diurnal
Moonlight
Twinkle
Twilight
Seasonal
Celebration
Christmas
Nativity

