Dear Families,

The children are becoming increasingly confident and settled in our pre-school environment and are enjoying taking part in our daily routines and learning experiences. Alongside this, we continue to practise and reinforce our important pre-school expectations, including "Choose it, use it, put it away," using walking feet indoors, little voices, and kind hands. These important skills help us to create a safe, respectful and happy learning environment, and the children are making good progress as they learn and practise them each day.

This week we have continued to enjoy our topic about planets and have been learning more about our solar system and planet Earth especially with the help of our lovely new class globe. The children's interest and curiosity about space has led to some wonderful discussions and questions.

We have been reading How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers. The story encouraged us to think about the stars we see in the night sky and what they really are. We talked about how stars may look like tiny lights from Earth, but they are huge objects far away in space, with many planets existing within our vast universe. This has given the children lots to think about, and they have enjoyed sharing their own ideas and observations.

As part of our learning, we explored shapes and investigated how a star can be made by placing two triangles on top of one another. The children have made their own stars whilst also developing their scissor skills. We have taught them how to hold their scissors correctly with their thumb pointing upwards, move the paper with their helping hand, and cut safely away from their bodies. It has been lovely to see the children concentrating so carefully and taking pride in their creations.

The highlight of the week was our cooking activity. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their own star-shaped biscuits. It was a lovely way to bring our learning theme together and round off a busy and successful week.

Book of the week: How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers

Song of the week: A sailor went to sea

Makaton sign: Sunday

Sound of the week: 't' as in tiger, toast, teeth and teddy

Woodlands next week: Thursday (please arrive dressed in waterproofs)

Have a wonderful weekend,

The pre-school team