

### Maths

Counting in sequence forwards and backwards.

- Nursery children to work with 0-10.
- Reception children to work with 0-20.

Practise number formation:

- In glitter.
- On the ground with chalk, paint or water.

Number recognition can be fun too.

- Write numbers on post-its, hide them all around and then go hunting.
- Go on a number hunt in your house – look for numbers on food packaging, scales, clocks etc.

Estimating objects and counting to check

- While playing with your toys, estimate how many you have and check by counting.
- When helping around the house, such as with the washing estimate how many socks you have and check by counting.

### Reading

Read your school book daily.

Listen to a variety of books

- Listen to your grown up, listen to a story online or watch one of our videos.

Look for words in your environment

- Signs you see on your daily exercise, logos on items in your house, words on packaging.

### Writing

Practise writing your name (Reception- full name).

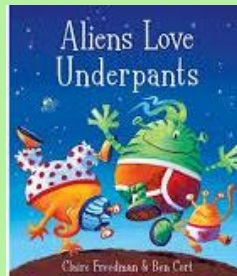
Practise forming letters of the alphabet.

Reception children to write tricky words

- Look at the word, cover/hide the word, write the word and then check it.
- Make a set of flash cards and ask a grownup to test you – how many can you write in five minutes?

### This week's story is...

## Aliens Love Underpants



### Phonics

Share the story and identify the rhyming words you can hear.

Make rhyming pairs/string – this could be with alien names, colours, numbers etc.

Practise the sounds your child is working on and blend words. This can be oral blending (spoken out loud c-a-t) or written if appropriate.

### Junk modelling

Ask a grown up if you have any recycled materials around your house and use them to build a spaceship.

### Design

Design an alien using anything of your choice. It could be done with Lego, on your iPad, with junk modelling or craft materials or simply a pen and piece of paper.

### Bake

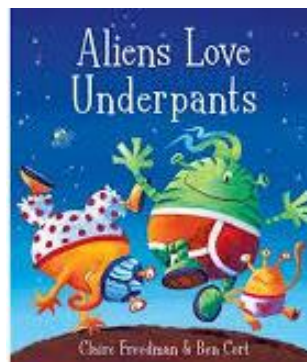
Make moon or star shaped biscuits. The edible kind or even out of play dough.  
Can you help to measure, weigh and mix the ingredients?

### Design your own planet

Draw a picture of it and think about what shape and colours it might be.

What would you call it? Use your phonics sounds to write the name of the planet.

Ask you grown ups to help you think of/write some adjectives to describe your planet. E.g. frosty, hot.



## Activities linked to the story

### Help around the house

Help around the house by hanging out the washing and see how many items of clothing you can count.

Challenge yourself to find pairs of socks.

Compare the size of the clothes on the line.

### Imagine

What do you think the aliens are going to do with the underpants?

Can you draw us a picture to let us know what you think?

### Sing

Watch our video of 'Five Little Men' and sing along.