Nursery Newsletter
2nd May 2022

This week we will continue to learn about farm animals by looking at fiction and non fiction books about farms. One of these books will be the traditional story, 'The Little Red Hen'. We will be very busy in our creative area creating farm animal pictures.
Many thanks,

Mrs. Terrell

What's happening in the news this week?

Picture News
In the Early Years

Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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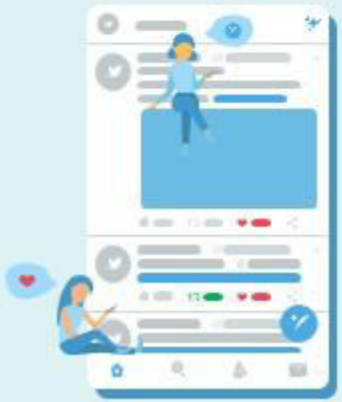
Picture News

Do we always need rules?

Let's look at this week's story

Elon Musk, one of the owners of electric car company, Tesla, and a company that designs and makes rockets that get sent into space called SpaceX, is currently the richest person in the world! He has been in the news because he is now buying the company Twitter. Elon Musk likes to type comments about different things on Twitter and he thinks that everyone should be allowed to type (say) whatever they like. At the moment, Twitter will ban people, which means they are not allowed to use Twitter anymore, if they type comments which says something that breaks Twitters rules.



What does being the richest person in the world mean?
What does being rich mean to you?
Have you ever heard of Twitter before?
Do you know anyone who uses Twitter?
Why do you think people use it?
What rules do you think Twitter or any social media site might have?
Why do you think they have these rules?

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This week's story looks at events related to ...

How does it make me feel?

happy

sad

confused

worried

surprised

angry

excited

scared

silly

I'm not sure

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Have you heard any words that you haven't heard before?

Write any new words here and talk about what they mean

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Listen to the children on the EY Resource, who are discussing rules they must stick to.

When I have my swimming lessons, I am only allowed to swim when the teacher says. If anyone doesn't listen, they have to get out of the pool and sit at the side.

When we have finished playing at school, we have to tidy up all the mess before we go home.

My mum says that we are not allowed to call anyone names because it hurts their feelings. If we do, we have to go on time out.

At home, I am not allowed to touch any pots and pans when someone is cooking, because the pans are too hot!

Do you have to follow any rules at home/school or at a club you go to?

What rules do you have to follow? Do you think it's an important rule? Why or why not?

What happens if you break the rules? Do you think we always need rules?

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Can you design a new car, rocket or other vehicle for Elon Musk?

Draw and label your design here

What is different about your design?

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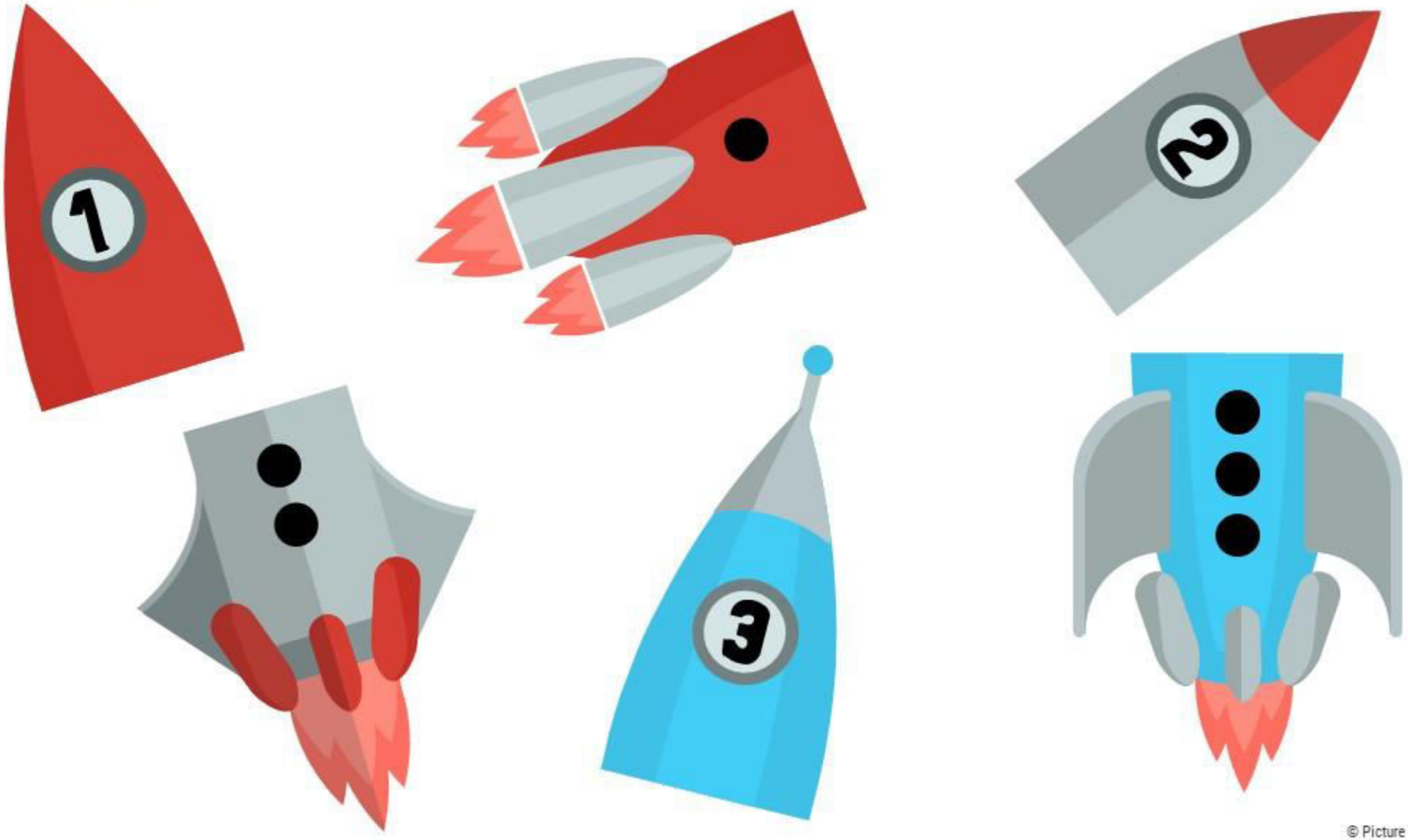
EY Resource two

Can you cut out the different parts of the rockets and match the numbers with the correct amount of spots?



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Individual Liberty

Rules help to keep everyone safe. We can all choose to follow the rules and know that there are consequences if we don't.

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UN Rights of a Child

We can choose our own thoughts, opinions and beliefs but this should not stop anyone enjoying theirs.

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Weekly vocabulary

Speaking & listening	Small world	Drawing and writing	Maths	Outdoor construction
rich	richest	design	rockets	build
richest	crocodile	draw	numbers	model
person	African plains	label	spots	car
company	mansion	write	top part	rocket
designs	money	sentence	bottom part	vehicle
makes	cinema	next	pieces	front
rockets	library	car	count	back
electric cars	helicopter	rocket	match	side
Twitter	aeroplane	train	order	seats
social media	once	vehicle	smallest	steering wheel
comments	beginning	environmentally friendly	biggest	windows
type	next	wheels	count down	brakes
say	at the end	tracks	blast off	engine
banned	characters	wings	space	start
allowed	happy	front		stop
breaks	sad	back		
rules	excited	sides		
follow				
important				

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Picture News
In the Early Years

Speaking and listening

Birth to 5 Matters: Is aware of behaviour expectations and sensitive to ideas of justice and fairness. Talks about past and present events in own lives and in the lives of family members.

Look at the Picture News poster: What can you see? Does anyone know who this man is? Tell the children this man's name is Elon Musk.

Think about: *Has anyone ever heard of Elon Musk before? Does anyone know anything about him?*

Tell the children Elon Musk is one of the owners of the electric car company, Tesla, and a company that designs and makes rockets that get sent into space called SpaceX. He is currently the richest person in the world!

Think about: *What does being the richest person in the world mean? What does being rich mean to you? Discuss that being rich can mean a person has lots of money. Some people also think being rich is having a happy life with people they love around them.*

Elon Musk has been in the news because he is now buying the company, Twitter.

Think about: *Have you ever heard of Twitter before? Do you know anyone who uses Twitter? Why do you think people use it?*

Discuss that Twitter is a social media site, where people can write or share photographs about different things that might be happening in their lives, and other people can click that they like what someone has written or make a comment themselves. You must be 13 years old to have your own Twitter account. Elon Musk likes to type comments about different things on Twitter and he thinks that everyone should be allowed to type (say) whatever they like. At the moment, Twitter will ban people, which means they are not allowed to use Twitter anymore, if they type comments which says something that breaks Twitter's rules.

Think about: *What rules do you think Twitter or any social media site might have? Why do you think they have these rules?*

Question: Do we always need rules?

We have to stick to rules in lots of different places. Look at the **EY Resource**, where some children are discussing rules they must stick to.

Think about: *Do you have to follow any rules at home/school or at a club you go to? What rules do you have to follow? Do you think it's an important rule? Why or why not? What happens if you break the rule? Do you think we always need rules?*

Outdoor construction

Can you build one of Elon Musk's new cars or rockets?

Birth to 5 Matters: Uses various construction materials, e.g. joining pieces, stacking vertically and horizontally, balancing, making enclosures and creating spaces.

Think about: *What new vehicle do you need to build for Elon Musk today? What will the car/rocket need to have? What will you use? Can you talk me through your model? How do you think you could make your car/rocket even better?*

Resources: Outdoor construction materials such as crates, wooden planks, tyres, clipboards, paper and pens

Small world

Can you act out the story 'The Richest Crocodile in the World' by Daniel Postgate?

Birth to 5 Matters: Plays cooperatively as part of a group to create, develop and act out an imaginary idea or narrative.

Read the story 'The Richest Crocodile in the World' by Daniel Postgate. During the story, discuss all the things the crocodile has that show he is very rich and has lots of money, such as his own cinema, plane, helicopter etc. After the story, discuss why he chose to give up all that he had and discuss that he is still rich but in a different way now.

Think about: *Who are the characters in your story? I wonder where the crocodile lives! What happens at the beginning of the story? What's wrong with Croc, he has everything, why is he not happy? What is Croc going to do to cheer himself up?*

Resources: Tuff tray, African scene or green, brown, blue materials, African small world animals, wooden blocks to make the Crocodile's mansion, The story 'The Richest Crocodile in the World' by Daniel Postgate or use the link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ablHy1wcMc

Drawing and writing

Can you help Elon Musk design the next car, rocket or other vehicle?

Development Matters: Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.

Discuss that Elon Musk is always looking for the next big idea and is very interested in new car or rocket designs. He wants new designs to be exciting!

Think about: *Can you design the next new exciting vehicle to show to Elon Musk? Will it be a car, train, rocket, bike, helicopter or something else? How will the vehicle work? What new and special things will your vehicle be able to do? Can you label the different parts of your vehicle? Can you write a sentence to say how your vehicle is different from others?*

Resources: Drawing and writing proforma (see EY Resource 1), pencils, sound mats

Maths

Can you help in Elon Musk's SpaceX rocket factory by matching the numbers to put the space rocket pieces together?

Birth to 5 Matters: Links numerals with amounts up to 5 and maybe beyond. Increasingly confident at putting numerals in order. Enjoys reciting numbers back from 10 to 0.

Discuss that the rockets are in pieces and need putting together.

Think about: *Can you see a top part of a rocket with a number on it? What does the number say? Can you find a bottom part of a rocket that has the same number of spots on it as the number you have found? I wonder if you can put the rockets in number order! I wonder if you can count down from 10 to blast the rockets into space.*

Resources: Numbered space rocket parts (see EY Resource 2), scissors

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Provision area	Writing Area
Development matters	Use some of their print and letter knowledge in their early writing. Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.
Key questions (for adults supporting play)	Can you design the next new exciting vehicle to show to Elon Musk? Will it be a car, train, rocket, bike, helicopter or something else? How will the vehicle work? What new and special things will your vehicle be able to do? Can you label the different parts of your vehicle? Can you write a sentence to say how your vehicle is different from others?
Key vocabulary	Design, draw, label, write, sentence, next, car, rocket, train, vehicle, environmentally friendly, wheels, tracks, wings, front, back, sides

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Provision area	Small World Area
Birth to 5 matters	Plays cooperatively as part of a group to create, develop and act out an imaginary idea or narrative.
Key questions (for adults supporting play)	Who are the characters in your story? I wonder where the crocodile lives! What happens at the beginning of the story? What's wrong with Croc, he has everything, why is he not happy? What is Croc going to do to cheer himself up?
Key vocabulary	Richest, crocodile, African plains, mansion, money, cinema, library, helicopter, aeroplane, once, beginning, next, at the end, characters, happy, sad, excited

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Can you help in Elon Musk's SpaceX rocket factory by matching the numbers to put the space rocket pieces together?

Provision area	Maths Area
Birth to 5 matters	Links numerals with amounts up to 5 and maybe beyond. Increasingly confident at putting numerals in order. Enjoys reciting numbers back from 10 to 0.
Key questions (for adults supporting play)	Can you see a top part of a rocket with a number on it? What does the number say? Can you find a bottom part of a rocket that has the same number of spots on it as the number you have found? I wonder if you can put the rockets in number order! I wonder if you can count down from 10 to blast the rockets into space.
Key vocabulary	Rockets, numbers, spots, top part, bottom part, pieces, count, match, order, smallest, biggest, count down, blast off, space

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Provision area	Outdoor Area
Birth to 5 matters	Uses various construction materials, e.g. joining pieces, stacking vertically and horizontally, balancing, making enclosures and creating spaces.
Key questions (for adults supporting play)	What new vehicle do you need to build for Elon Musk today? What will the car/rocket need to have? What will you use? Can you talk me through your model? How do you think you could make your car/rocket even better?
Key vocabulary	Build, model, car, rocket, vehicle, front, back, side, seats, steering wheel, windows, brakes, engine, start, stop

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