

Activity Title: Reach for the Stars

Learning Intention: to recognise what makes us special and express ideas.	Activity Overview: talk about what makes us special/unique and set a goal.
Links to EYFS: Understanding the World: -Knows some of the things that make them unique and can talk about	
some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family.	
Communication & Language: - Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate	
what might happen next, relive, and recall past experiences.	
Equipment:	Key vocabulary: story,
-Story link (see today's timetable)	character, special, unique,
-Star template (printer if possible, or create your own)	talent, goal, set, work towards,
-Mark making tools (pens, pencils etc.)	improve, get better.
-Glue/scissors	
-Decorate objects (sequins, feathers, tissue paper etc.)	
ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key questions)	

Introduction:

*Read/recap today's story *Giraffe's Cant Dance* by Giles Andreae.

-How did Gerald feel at the beginning of the story? How did Gerald feel at the end of the story? Why did his emotions change?

-What is unique about Gerald?

-What makes you special/unique? (can you think of something you are good at or you enjoy doing?)



Main Activity:

*Once you have discussed what your child enjoys/is able to do, invite him/her to reflect on what they would like to get better at doing.

-What would you like to get better at? (perhaps it's building Lego cars or writing your name or recognising numbers to 20. Perhaps you'd like to know more about a certain topic e.g. underwater creatures.

*Once you have listened to your child's ideas, support him/her with choosing one goal. Explain to him/her that this will be something you will support them with practising over the next few weeks.

*Write the goal in the centre of the star template.

*Invite your child to then decorate the star using mark making/decorative tools/equipment.

Activity review:

*Once the star is dry, hang it in a place where you will see it often.

*Refer to the star often and create opportunities for your child to practise working towards their end goal.

Additional ways to support your child:	Extension:
*If your child is finding it challenging to think of a goal, think back to all the home learning you've done together and encourage him/her to identify tasks which were tricky.	*Invite your child to write their name on the star and trace over some of the key words.