

Activity Suggestions:

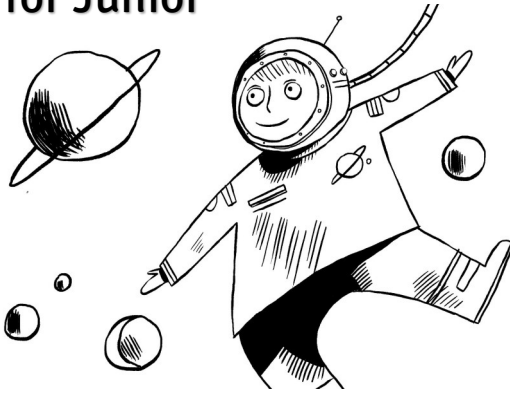
Art activity based on "Warm as the Sun, Cold as the Moon" or their own Starry, Starry Night picture based on Van Gogh's art.
Use the children's handprints to make aliens, sticking on googly eyes to each finger!!
Write a postcard from Space.
Rocket making competition.
Table quiz based on Space/Moon/Planets.
How does light in the playground change over the day? Present their finding on charts and graphs.
Astronaut Dressing up race with helmets and wellies.
Drama and Dance based on sunlight travelling to Earth.
Space Cinema: Watch a movie with the theme of space (Wall-E, Space Chimps, Fly me to the Moon, Space Buddies). Short films from the Literacy Shed: <https://www.literacyshed.com/the-sci---fi-shed.html>.
Creating our own constellation creatures and writing their stories.



Sing the song 'Twinkle, twinkle little star' with the children drawing their attention to the words:
'How I wonder what you are?'

What are stars? Can we name any stars? What do stars do? Why do we call some people Superstars?! How many stars do we think are in the night sky? Why can we see lots of stars some nights and very few on other nights?

Space Week for Junior Classes



Song Suggestions:

The Planet Song for Kids <https://youtu.be/mQrlgH97v94>
Sesame Street: I don't want to live on the Moon <https://youtu.be/klq8jLj5TzU>
Story Bots <https://youtu.be/ZHAqT4hXnMw>
What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong <https://youtu.be/2nGKqH26xlg>
Reach for the Stars by S Club Seven <https://youtu.be/50kP4S0peAs>
Stars, from Finding Neverland by Gary Barlow & Eliot Kennedy <https://youtu.be/mG8La7PqxO8>
The Sky's the Limit by Nik Kershaw https://youtu.be/RL_rYCqn6uk
Vincent (Starry, Starry Night) by Don McLean <https://youtu.be/4wrNFDxCRzU> (also covered by Ellie Goulding - https://youtu.be/C3_spbo8eVc) linked to the art of Vincent Van Gogh (<https://www.vangoghgallery.com/painting/starrynightlyrics.html>)

Book Suggestions:

On a Dark, Dark night by Jean M. Cochran
The Sea of Tranquillity by Mark Haddon
The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers
Back to Earth with a Bump <https://youtu.be/KaCUZUuNTEA>
Zoo in the Sky by Jacqueline Mitton https://youtu.be/Leg_vT0yMq8
A hundred billion trillion stars by Seth Fishman <https://youtu.be/OtMoDq5Git0>
Katie and the Starry Night by James Mayhew <https://youtu.be/QAPjNmSc4M>
Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed https://youtu.be/b_mfdqyBqT8
On a beam of light - story of Albert Einstein <https://youtu.be/lo6aSfV00ks>
Older than the Stars by Karen C Fox https://youtu.be/Lp1_dCIXqSw

Poem Suggestions:

Robert Louis Stevenson: My Shadow, focus on verse 1,2 and 4: <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43196/my-shadow>
Shel Silverstein: The Planet of Mars: <https://redtreetimes.com/2014/03/28/the-planet-of-mars/>
Star Author/Poet Challenge: Write own poem or story with a space theme.

Have the children work in pairs and close their eyes. They take turns to pretend that their partner is a Martian who has landed here to find out more about humans. They have to ask each other what the physical appearance of a Martian looks like. *What size are you? What colour are you? Do you have arms/legs/eyes just like humans?* Allow the children to then sketch their version of what their Martian will look like. Give each table different coloured tubs of Play-Doh, matchsticks, pipe cleaners and observe their creations. As an extension use the models for number work, classifying and sorting.

