

Weather, Seasons and Clothes:

“[A Stroll through the Seasons](#)” story by Kay Barnham.

Discuss the seasons, what clothes we wear for the weather, etc. Use [an interactive whiteboard game](#).

Sort teddies' clothes into appropriate suitcases – hot holiday, rainy wet holiday, snow holiday ...

Met Éireann have some [great resources](#) in this area.



Small World:

Create a moon area for the children (in the sand pit) using sand, pebbles, tinfoil and fill it with little rockets ships, vehicles, astronauts (lego figurines) and even some little aliens.

Create an alien landscape.

Space Week for Junior Classes & Aistear

Make a passport for your alien. Add stamps of the planets that they have visited (either drawn on or cut and stick).

Using Lego/Giant Blocks/Playdoh:

make an alien spaceship/alien home/alien landscape/Mars or another planet (Can add small world figures).

List what your Alien would eat. What would they take on a holiday to Earth?

Cutting & Sticking: Cut out a variety of shapes - colour, design and stick your new alien onto a page.

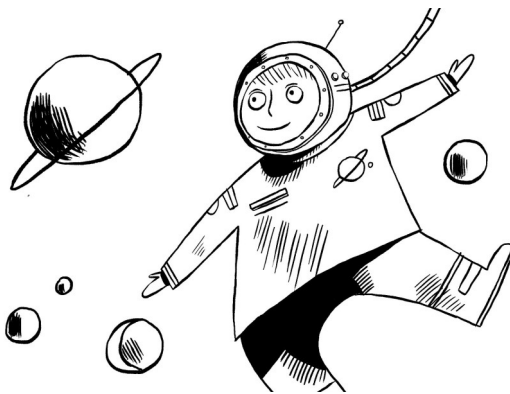
Wooden Maths Shapes: create aliens/alien animals - these can be flat on the table or built up tall.

Painting/Chalks: Draw your alien's planet using either paint or chalk.

Literacy: Rocket themed activities. R is for rocket, Find all the 'r' cards and stick them on the tinfoil rockets. Read Oliver Jeffers “*The Way Back Home*.”

Numeracy: Rocket match games on tablets. Making sets of 10 using plastic rockets. Classifying and sorting different colour rockets using sorting trays.

Fine Motor Skills: Use Playdoh to make an alien, or cut out a variety of shapes and make a rocket.



Literacy:

Using the grammar topic of adjectives, children can draw their own alien and then use adjectives to describe the appearance of their alien.

Read and write letters to and from Martians - letters to the Martians would detail the children's lives on Earth and letters from the Martians would detail their lives on Mars.

Procedural writing – pretend the Martians are coming to visit them on Earth – they will need detailed instructions on how to do various everyday things the children deem important on Earth before their visit.

Read the book *Mae Among the Stars* and write acrostic poems on either aliens or stars.

Role Play: Meeting an alien for the first time/ Aliens at dinner (focus on movements and different ways of eating)/the journey to Earth in a spaceship.

Draw an Alien Game:

Use a blank die and draw body parts on each side. Throw a normal die and your special alien die, if they land on 2 and nose, then your alien has to have 2 noses, if they land on hand and 6 then your alien will have 6 hands etc. You can change the criteria on the blank dice to be size, shape, colour or whatever you fancy!

Visual Arts: Use paints or pastels on A3 card to create Mars landscape. Use drawing to make a plan for 3D Martian. Construct 3D Martian from clay, feathers, pipe cleaners, lollipop sticks, matchsticks ...

Make a picture which is half day and half night. Stick an A5 piece of white paper on one half of an A4 black piece of paper. Children draw a daytime picture/activity on the white side with crayons and a night time one on the black with chalks.

Music: Create a soundscape for an alien planet or a trip to Space. Listen and respond to thematic songs such as "Reach for the Stars" or "Starry, Starry Night".