

# The theme for this week is: 'Space' chosen by Edie



## Topic Activities:



**P.E.** – Astronauts need to be very fit and healthy before they go into space. Make up your own astronaut exercise programme. You might want to include star jumps, sprinting, push ups, sit ups, and jumping as part of your exercise. You could set up an assault course in the garden. Perhaps crawling through a tunnel or dodging meteorites might be part of it!

**Art Week activity 1** – Create a Solar System piece of art with the sun and all of the planets. You might want to draw, paint or collage the planets to make a picture. You might want to create a model or mobile of all of the planets. You could cut out cardboard circles, use playdough or clay, or even make papier-mâché planets.

**Art Week activity 2** – Create a junk model rocket. Use a cardboard tube or empty drinks bottle and turn it into a rocket. If you didn't want to make a rocket, you could make a funny alien piece of art. Perhaps out of playdough or dried pasta, or both! Get creative with the things that you have around the house.

## Maths Activities:

1. Use some of these online games to practise your maths skills. <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/> You can choose different age bands for easier or more challenging activities.
2. Practise your counting skills with the I Spy Space counting activity on the Supporting Resources page. You could also do some counting practice with objects from around the house. Make sure that you can count out more than 10 objects accurately. If you would like to practise estimating as well, then make a sensible guess about how many objects there are, then count them to check.
3. Have a go at some of the activities in the Space Maths activity book on the Supporting Resources page. You don't have to complete the entire book in one go. Just pick and choose a few activities that you think you can do.

## Literacy Activities:

1. Read a story set in space and then write about your favourite part. Write some sentences about what the characters did and why you liked it. As a challenge, you could change the ending of the story to an idea of your own, or even write a brand new story set in space! Here are some stories that you might want to read. <https://www.booksfortopics.com/space-ks1> If you don't have copies of these books, search for them on Youtube. There are even some space stories being read by real astronauts at the International Space Station here <https://storytimefromspace.com/library/>
2. Get creative and design your own planet. You might want to look at lots of pictures of other planets (real and made up) before you decide on ideas for your own planet. After you have drawn it and talked about it, write some words or sentences to describe it. What would it look like? What would the weather be like? Would there be any aliens that live on your planet?
3. Write a letter or some questions to an astronaut. Perhaps you could write to Tim Peake. If you didn't want to write to an astronaut, perhaps you could write to an alien instead? What would you ask them? What could you tell them about life on Earth?

### **Daily Phonics:**

**10 minutes:** Revisit previously learnt Tricky Words using the laminated cards. Introduce new Tricky Word for the week 'were'. Explain that the word is tricky because it is another word with an 'e' on the end that we don't say. The word is pronounced 'w-er'. Have a look at the 'Train your Brain' game to learn more about the tricky words. <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/TrainYourBrainPh4.html>. Play <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/TrickyWordTrucks.html> then practise spelling 4 or 5 of the words including 'were'.

**10 minutes:** Introduce new sound for the week /ow/. The action for this sound is to pretend that you have pricked your thumb and it hurts! Can you think of any other words that might use the /ow/ sound? Play <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/Flashcards.html> encouraging them to say the sounds and do the actions for each card that comes up. Alternatively, join in with the songs and actions on the Jolly Phonics video found in the Home Learning section of the school website.

Start the week by reading /ow/ words using the following games:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/PicnicOnPluto.html>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/BuriedTreasure2.html>

As they becoming more confident with sounding out and blending /ow/ words to read them, beginning asking them to spell words with /ow/ such as: cow, bow, now, crown, town. If they are confident with this, try giving them a sentence that includes an /ow/ word and a few of the Tricky Words. There are a few worksheets on the /ow/ sound in the Supporting Resources section of the website. You can also look for Phase 3 phonics games and the /ow/ sound online at <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-3>

### **Enrichment Activities:**

- <https://www.issnationallab.org/stem/learn-at-home/> - this website has lots of ideas for space related activities.
- Make a rocket roleplay area – You could use a big box or bed sheets to create your cockpit. You could stick bottle lids on a box to look like the control panel. You could even make yourself a space helmet!
- Watch a film about space. Here are some ideas: Wall-E, Space Chimps, Star Wars, Space Buddies and Monsters vs Aliens.
- Colour in some of the space pictures from the Supporting Resources page.
- Use the Conversation Questions activity on the Supporting Resources page.
- Try 5 foods that you either haven't tried before or you have tried and weren't keen on before. Maybe your taste buds have changed and you like them now!