



Craft Activity

Theme: Space

Intro: Space is huge and looks like it goes on forever. There are billions of stars, solar systems and galaxies.

Craft activity: Rocket Hand Keepsake

Children will need: Printed colour template. Grey or Black paint.

Instructions:

Use the printed template to provide a background. Let the child squish their hand into the paint tray (paper plate) and then transfer the paint onto the colour background. This can be used as a keepsake or decoration for your child's room.

Extension Ideas:

How many planets are there in the solar system? Talk about rockets and going to the moon. Make a solar system from paper or foam blocks.

Fact: There are billions, and billions of stars in the universe. Do you know the sun is a star?



Learning Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Solar System Slime

You will need: 2 cups Lux Soap Flakes, Black Gel food colouring, 2 litres of Boiling water
Glitter, Playdough or plasticine, Large bowl or ice cream container & Tray

Instructions:

To be prepared the day before Playgroup.

Mix lux flakes with boiling water

3. Fold in the glitter. Start with ¼ cup of sparkles, mixing and mashing it through the solar system slime. Add more as needed, until it becomes a dark colour.

4. Roll the clay into balls to make planets. (you can use anything round really) Your child can use colours that match the planets (such as green and blue for the Earth) or create his own imaginative options. Make the planets bouncy ball size or smaller (if your child wants, he can size them to scale for our solar system). Your child can add colorful glitter to the planets for an extra-special shine.

5. Drop the planets into the slime.

Now it's time to play! Your child can stretch the mix, roll the planets through the galaxy, twirl it, swirl it or experiment with how it moves.

Group time ideas:

Do a pretend rocket launch.

Count down from 10 – 1 – blast off.

Talk about where the rocket will go.

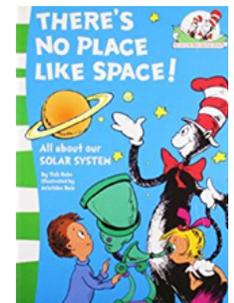
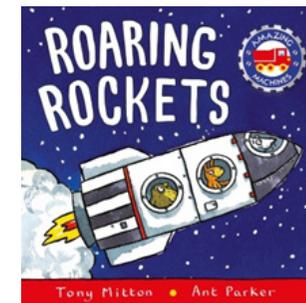
Who is in the rocket?



Book Suggestions:

Roaring Rockets By Tony Mitton & Ant Parker

There's no Place like Space By Tish Rabe





I'm a Little Rocket Ship

(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little rocket ship tall and thin
Here is my nose cone, here are my fins
When I get all fuelled up then I zoom...
Off the launch pad to the moon.

Zoom Zoom

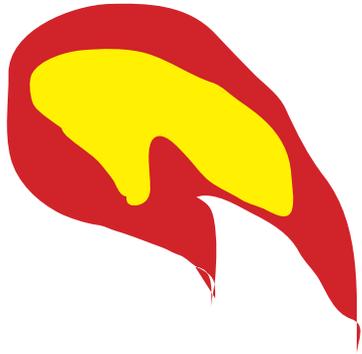
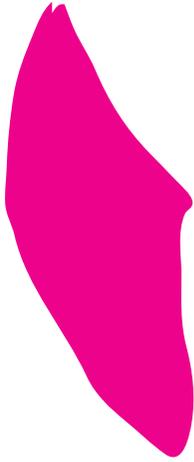
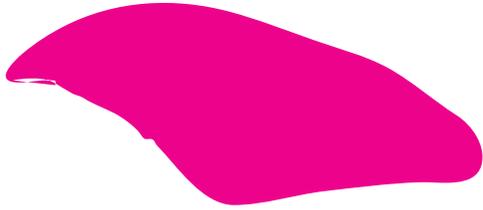
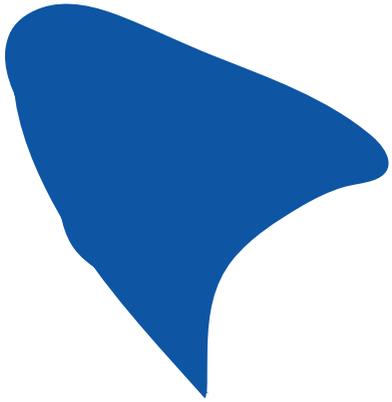
Up in the air I fly
Zoom, zoom, a-zoom a-zoom zoom
Up in the clear blue sky
Zoom, zoom, a-zoom a-zoom zoom
Zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom a-zoom a-zoom zoom
Zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom a-zoom a-zoom zoom.

We're Going Up

We're going up, we're going up
As high as we can go
We're going down, we're going down
We're going way down low
Up, up, up, up, up, up, up
Down, down, down, down, down.

Zoom Zoom Astronaut

Zoom zoom astronaut are you having fun?
With the stars and the moon and the great big sun
Are you up there all alone?
Wouldn't you rather be at home?
Zoom zoom astronaut are you having fun?
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