

Creative Home Learning Ideas

Stargazers



What a superb topic we had last half-term! The Peasants, Princes and Pestilence work really enthralled the children and led to some fantastic work both in and out of school. Thank you all for your support in the home learning and it was wonderful to welcome so many of you to the classrooms to see our showcase just before half-term.

Our new topic for the remainder of the spring term takes us into outer space! We will investigate the planets and the moon and use our skills of scientific enquiry in a number of different ways. Below are some ideas for home learning based around our new topic. Please read the ideas with your child and let them choose which activities they would like to complete at home with you or on their own over the coming weeks. We would like the children to complete one or more of the activities. The work should be handed in before **Wednesday 1st April**.

- Keep a Moon diary over the course of a lunar month. Draw the shape of the Moon each night, finding out and recording the correct term for each lunar phase.
- Use non-fiction books, astronomy magazines and the web to find and record amazing facts about space. Create a space scrapbook using your facts and downloaded images.
- Visit your local library and search for space-themed books. These could be non-fiction, novels or poetry books. Write a review of your favourite to display in school.
- Imagine... an alien space ship has crash landed in your back garden. Write a story about what happens next. You may want to borrow ideas from space stories or films you know well. Remember to use powerful vocabulary to bring your story (and your alien) to life!
- So far, 24 astronauts have visited the Moon. Find out their names, download pictures and record interesting facts about them.
- Write a film review of a space-themed film that you have watched with your family. Some great films to choose might be Wall-E (U), ET (U), Star Wars (PG) or Apollo 13 (PG). How many 'stars' would you award your film?
- Design and create an astronaut space helmet or alien headwear using junk materials.
- Find out the names of some of the best-known star constellations. On a clear night, try to identify them. Draw diagrams of those you have spotted. Do you think the names they have been given suit them?
- Make a 3-D model of the Solar System which displays all the planets in order.

These activities are intended to be fun and to provide inspiration to build on learning from school. Please just call in and ask any of the Year 5 team if you have any queries.