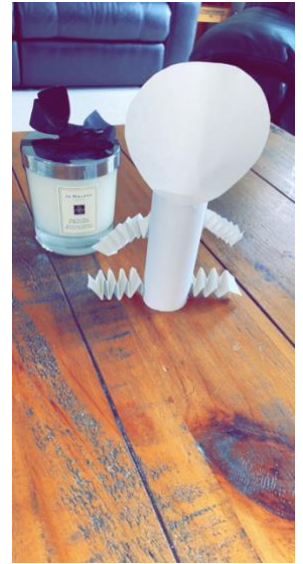


Sound of the week - 'Ss' - Space Astronaut

Items you will need:

- Empty toilet roll
- 8 strips of paper or pipe cleaners
- A piece of paper cut into a circle
- Tape
- A printed image of your face (optional)

1. Using the strips of paper, attach two at the top and fold each strip over each other, in order to make a zig zag pattern/spiral.
2. Do this with all the pieces of paper, until you have 4 spirals.
3. Tape the spirals/pipe cleaners to the toilet roll - two on each side.
4. Using the paper circle, stick this onto the top of the toilet roll as the head.
5. The child can now either print out an image of their face and stick it onto the head of the astronaut - if not the child can always draw on a face!



Food planets/rocket - See two images of space food creations!

Planets - Talk to your child about how many planets there are and the order they come in. The child can then use this knowledge to draw their own version of all the planets - another idea is also using food to replicate all the planets! **See example of food planets**

Rocket - Another simple idea is a food rocket! This is made using strawberry and banana on a skewer. A healthy idea that helps children use their fine motor skills, as well as being a healthy snack! **See example of food rocket**

Literacy activity - Attached above is a space I-Spy image, the space I-Spy checklist, as well as the answers to the activity. The checklist asks the child to check how many of a certain image are found within the I-Spy image. The child works through the checklist, and can check if they are correct using the answers at the end. This helps expand the child's numeracy skills, as well as helping their visual skills.



Space themed pencil control activity - This activity helps develop the child's fine motor skills as they need to trace around the space-themed images. **See attachment**

Night time outdoor learning - This activity encourages the child to look at the stars and moon during the evening. The child can then recall if they can see any patterns within the stars, or even see a shooting star! Parents can help explain to the child that even though the moon looks as if it is close, how far it away it really is.

This space theme has many activities included under this topic. For example, junk modelling - creating a rocket. You could even create a fort out of pillows and blankets to make a space station! As well as painting pictures of aliens or other space creatures.

I would love to see all your creations, so email them through!!

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