

Activities at Home

Project: Journeys

Dear Parents,

The activity for week: 2 beginning: 5th May

Is: First Journey to the Moon

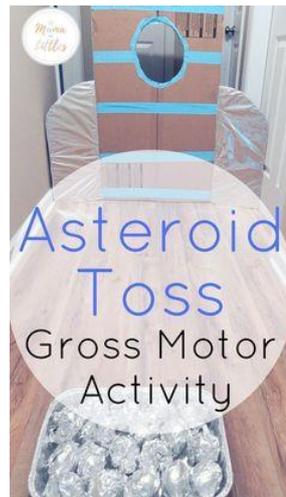
The activity we will be covering involves:

- **Reading a story called “Mae among the stars”. A story about a girl who always dreamt of becoming an astronaut and going into space and how her parents always encouraged her, in the end she was able to make her dreams come true.**
 - **Extending what is a popular topic of interest involving learning all about the solar system and many related craft and hands-on activities.**
 - **We shall discuss the first journey to the moon and what it was like watching it on a black and white television.**
 - **Showing the children pictures of the first moon landing and astronauts. Talking about what the astronauts had to wear, their equipment, food and exercise.**
 - **Talking about the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong. Also discussing how today women are actively involved in becoming astronauts as well and all the women astronauts who made it into space.**
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Our activity includes:

- **We start by reading the book “Mae among the stars”**
- **Discuss what the children think about the story and giving the children the opportunity to make their observations and comments.**
- **Watch videos of The Apollo 11 Moon Landing video**
- **The children will engage in various activities incorporating topics such as gravity, different phases of the moon going from biggest to smallest, sensory activity to help their fine motor skills such as making moon rocks and watching them erupt using vinegar and singing songs about the different planets to help build on their vocabulary or make a picture of the moon using puffy paint.**
- **They will learn to count backwards when watching a space rocket take off in the videos. We can also organise a jumping competition to see who can jump the furthest towards the moon (which we can draw out in the playground) and measure the distance using a measuring tape.**

Some activities you might like to do at home: see below....



You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations.

Our suggested activities are:

- Talking to your child about any memories you might have of the first moon landing. You may off course be too young to do this so could perhaps have a live video chat with your child's grandparents or other family members to talk about their memories of this.
- Can you make a rocket together using junk materials at home? Perhaps you could take a picture afterwards and indeed of any further related activities that your child completes.
- Visit the Science Museum and look through the various exhibits they have on astronomy
- Pinterest also has some wonderful Space related craft ideas for things to do and make at home.
- Turning your child's bedroom ceiling into a solar system or galaxy using planet mobiles, things you have made or fluorescent stars and planets.
- Read some stories based on space. Some of the suggested books are: On the moon by Anna Milbourne and Benji Davies, Zoom,zoom,zoom by Dan Yaccarino,If you decide to go to the moon by Faith McNulty.