



# Oasis – 22<sup>nd</sup> October This week – fun in space!

Stars, moons and planets fire up the imagination and make great designs, especially against a black background!

### Silver Moon



This fabulous moon with craters is so simple to make and yet so effective. Simply cut out a large circle from silver foil, and then place it over a series of circular objects of different sizes. Your child can then press down onto the foil and rub their hands over it so that the craters appear. Then stick the circle onto black card to create a striking image.

You can look at pictures of Earth with your child and talk about how we see green for the land and blue for the oceans. Then cut out a circle for your little one to paint in areas of blue and green. Cotton wool balls dipped into paint are a good way of doing this. Don't aim for accuracy! It is just a representation. On a black sheet of paper you can either draw stars or your

#### **Planet Earth**







child can do finder-painting with white or yellow paint, just creating single prints each time to represent a star. Stick the Earth in the middle of the stars.

#### **Cotton Bud Stars**



This is a great activity for practising fine motor skills. Draw simple star outlines onto black paper using white chalk. Then your child can dip a cotton bud into white and yellow paint and practise dabbing the paint onto the stars whilst trying to stay within the lines. The lines are just a guide and it doesn't matter if they go over them, but it is good to try and have some control of the movement of the cotton bud. Use a separate bud each for the yellow and the white paint.

These look fabulous! Paint the outer rim of a paper plate in black paint and cut it out. Then let your little one loose on creating stars and planets on a piece of paper, using printing, drawing, finger-painting, crayons or whatever they like! Cut them out and then stick them around the "wreath". The contrast of the colours and textures against the black looks brilliant!

### **Outer Space Wreaths**



## **HAVE FUN!!**