

## Year 2 – English Home Learning

Our new topic this summer term is Space. The following activities will encourage you to develop a range of writing skills, discussion and thoughts about Space. Enjoy the activities and remember to keep all the work to do so you can share it with us when you return to school.

**Week beginning: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

### Monday

This week we will be returning to poetry. Think of as many words as you can to do with space. Can you make a list of 20 or more?

Have a close look at the four pictures below which are in Space.



On a piece of paper, answer the following questions, perhaps share your thoughts about the pictures with your parents or brother or sister.

Look very carefully, what do you see...

What do you like?

What do you dislike?

What questions would you like to ask about the pictures?

What story does the picture tell you?

## Tuesday

Talk about poems you have read in books, remember the chant we wrote for Roald Dahl and the poem about World War 1. Poems can take different shapes and forms and some can rhyme and some not.

Have a go at sorting out the poem below that has become muddled, can you rewrite and copy it in your best handwriting so it makes sense.

### The Astronaut Song



I like to travel to the stars,  
I ride inside a spaceship don't you know,  
Outer space is where I really like to go,  
Wave to Jupiter and Mars,  
Outer space is where I really like to go

Can you find other space poems to read and share? Neatly copy your favourite poem and say why you like that one best. Decorate the poems with some brilliant space pictures.

## Wednesday

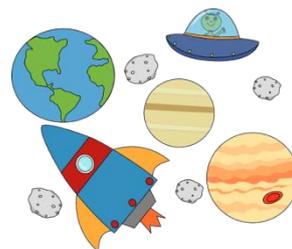
Have a look at the list of Space words you created on Monday, are you able to add more words to the list?

Read the poem below written by Robert Heidbreder.

### **Space**

#### **Space is...**

Planets like Pluto, Jupiter and Mars,  
The Milky Way and billions of stars,  
Rockets, spaceships, U.F.O's,  
Mean, ugly creature with 36 toes,  
Black holes, moons and solar rays,  
Dark cold places without any days,  
Robots, space stations, laser guns,  
Different galaxies with different suns,



Space is a place I'd love to see

If hungry monsters won't eat me!

Do you notice that the poem rhymes at the end of each line. This is called a rhyming couplet, the lines go in sets of 2

Mars,

Stars

Make a list of all the things you would see in Space, maybe those things that would make you laugh, maybe scare you a little, things you would be shocked to see, things you would like to explore.

## Thursday and Friday

Now it is time to put all your ideas from the week together to make your own rhyming poem about Space, just like the poem by Robert Heidbreder.

Remember to

- Make sure the end of lines 1 and 2 rhyme, 3 and 4 rhyme, 5 and 6 rhyme and so on
- Use lots of good space words from the list you have made
- Create a space picture for the reader
- Write it neatly on a piece of paper and illustrate with space pictures.

Use the guidance below to get you started:

### **Space is...**

The endless dark sky twinkling above our **heads,**

Naughty green aliens jumping on **beds,**

Shooting stars flashing across the **sky,**

Astronauts busy working as they **fly.**

Now it's your turn, have fun creating your own space poem.

Just to finish the week have a go at the following words for a spelling test – test yourself on the same number as your super speller groups.

1. space
2. alien
3. moon
4. zoom
5. planet
6. astronaut
7. spaceship
8. constellation

