

# The Art Room At Home Space Project



While being apart from our friends, family and community for a long time, we may feel alone. This space project offers an opportunity to explore themes of isolation and connection. Space can give us a sense of perspective on how interconnected we are as global citizens in the universe we share.

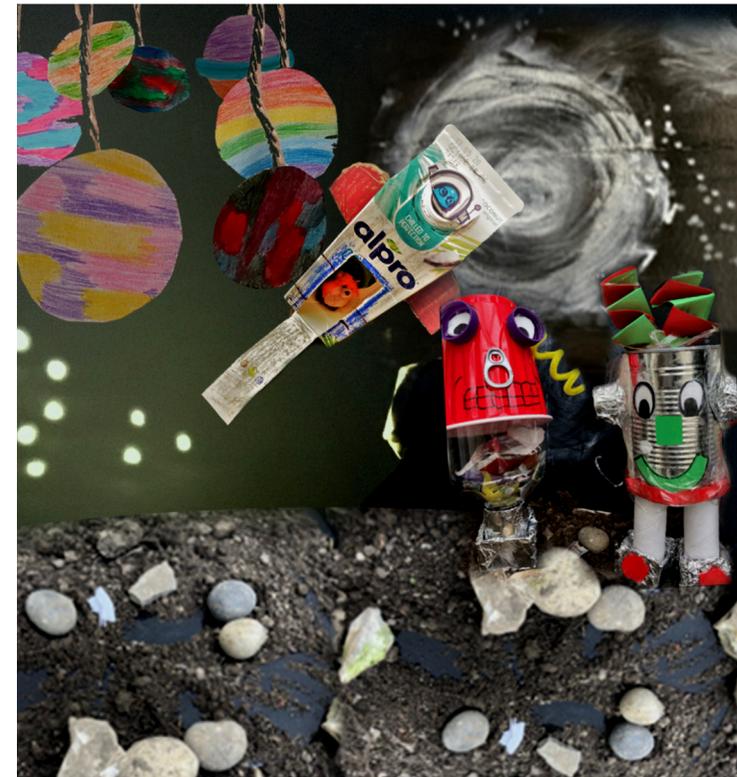
The aim of the project is for you to encourage your child to create something they want to make. By supporting them on their artistic journey we hope that you can celebrate their creativity together.

## Activities

There are three activities in this project. Make one, or all three as part of a space journey!

## Materials

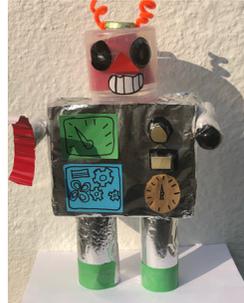
- Recycled materials like: cardboard, cans, toilet rolls, or newspapers/magazines
- Optional materials like: glue, paint, or crayons



## Project inspiration

Check out this document for more images, stories, activities and music inspired by space which can be calming to listen to while you create. We recommend using these extra ideas alongside this project sheet to help inspire your art.

[Download additional resources](#)



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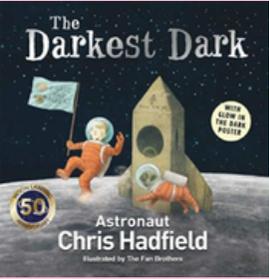


# Activity 1: Spaceship



## Imagine

Read this story by an astronaut!  
'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield



It is on YouTube to read or watch:  
<https://bit.ly/2ziWGvt>

Listen to our Space Project Playlist on Spotify:  
<https://spoti.fi/3gde0Te>

## Session Aims

1. Introduce and explore the theme of 'space'.
2. Think about making a trip into space.
3. Create your spaceship.



## Create

### You will need:

- boxes, cartons, toilet rolls, egg boxes and plastic bottles
- newspapers and magazines
- glue (optional), sellotape, scissors, paint and crayons

### Creative Activity:

1. Find a box or carton for the main part of your spaceship.
2. Collect smaller containers (e.g. an egg-box can be made into a control panel with buttons, bottles can be used for steering and toilet rolls stuffed with paper can be attached as jet streams).
3. Add these to the main body of your spaceship by tearing, cutting or folding. Use scissors, tape or glue if you have them.
4. Decorate your spaceship with any extra bits and bobs (e.g. bottle tops, or images from newspapers or magazines). You can also draw or paint features onto your spaceship.



## Explore

- How did Chris' thoughts about the dark change throughout the story?
- By the end, the dark became a safe and exciting place for Chris. What can you add to your spaceship to make it a place you would like to be?
- Chris found ways to feel less alone, what do you find helpful if you feel alone?
- What will it be like to leave Earth in your spaceship?



Discovery Spaceship lift off



Phoenix spacecraft landing on Mars in 2008



A rocket launching



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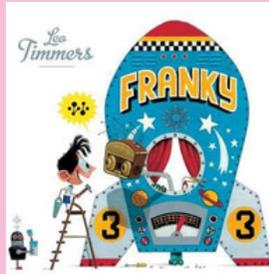


## Activity 2: Space friend



### Imagine

Read the story 'Franky' by Leo Timmers



It is on YouTube to read or watch:

<https://bit.ly/2XvjmB5>

Listen to our Space Project Playlist on Spotify:

<https://bit.ly/3cUewno>

### Session Aims

1. Introduce and explore the theme of a 'space friend'.
2. Who do you want to join you on your trip? It might be a space-robot, an alien, or your own creation.
3. Create your space friend.



### Create

#### You will need:

- tin can/plastic cup
- small boxes
- paper/card/foil
- bottle caps
- pens/pencils/paint
- scissors
- Sellotape/glue
- cardboard tubes
- pipe cleaners (optional)

#### Creative Activity:

1. Draw eyes, nose and a mouth on paper. Cut or tear them out and stick onto a tin can or plastic cup.
2. Cut cardboard tubes to desired length for the arms and legs. Alternatively, you can use the paper spring method in step 4 to make your arms. Cover the tubes with kitchen foil/coloured card or paint. Stick them to your art model.
3. Make shoes with small boxes/bottle caps and cover with kitchen foil.
4. Make paper springs or find pipe cleaners and attach to any part of the model. Click here to see how to make paper springs: <https://bit.ly/3gcHGQo>



### Explore

- Sam named his robot Franky. Does your space friend have a name?
- Sam and Franky make a great team because they understand each other and have fun. What makes your space friend good to travel with?
- How will you and your space friend help each other on your adventure?
- What will you both do together while exploring the universe?

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Children in the Art Room have made aliens with wooden spoons



Alien robot made from recycled objects



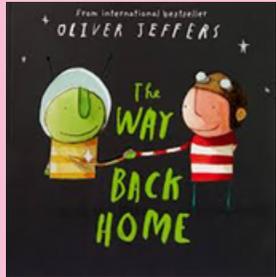


## Activity 3: Space world



### Imagine

Read the story 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers



It is on YouTube to read or watch:

<https://bit.ly/2z8npLt>

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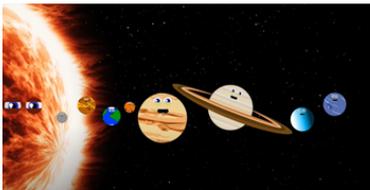
<https://bit.ly/3cMjn9Y>



The Milky Way



Surface of the Moon



Watch this fun song and animation about the planets: <https://bit.ly/3cSjReT>



### Session Aims

1. Imagine a 'space world' you and your space friend can explore. Where will you and your space friend go? What will it look like?
2. Create a picture or mobile of your space world.



### Create

It's up to you how you create your space world!

Choose one, two or all three of the activities below:

#### Space background:

**You will need:** cereal/pizza box, paint/chalk, newspaper, cotton buds/straws, glue/Sellotape, toilet roll tubes

1. Find your background material (clean and flat). Paint or collage the background with dark colours.
2. Once dry, add stars/ swirls/ planets with paint or chalk. You could use straws to blow paint or cotton buds to dot stars.
3. Stick toilet roll tubes on the back of the background to act as a canvas stand.

#### Planet mobile:

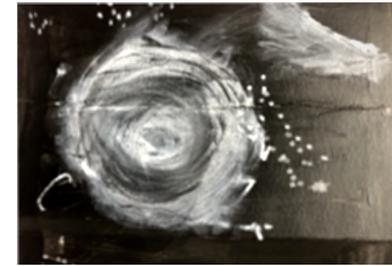
**You will need:** paper plate/card/cardboard, paint,pens, pencils, scissors, string/elastic bands, glue/Sellotape

1. Draw your planet outlines on card, paper or cardboard. Try and make them different shapes and sizes!
2. Use pens, pencils or paint to decorate both sides of each planet with colourful designs.
3. Attach your planets to a sheet of cardboard or paper plate with string or an elastic band using glue or Sellotape.

#### Planet surface:

**You will need:** tray or shoe-box lid, soil/gravel/sand, stones/pebbles

1. Find a plastic/cardboard tray or shoe-box lid and fill it with soil, gravel or sand.
2. Add stones or pebbles and use your finger to make patterns and craters on the surface.



### Explore

- If you could create your own universe, what would it look like? Who or what would be in it?
- What might it be like to land on a new planet? What could you do if you were stuck like the boy?
- After saying goodbye, the Martian and boy are able to stay in touch with a walkie-talkie. Imagine how you can stay connected with your space friend back on Earth.
- What will help you to remember your friends and the places you explored?

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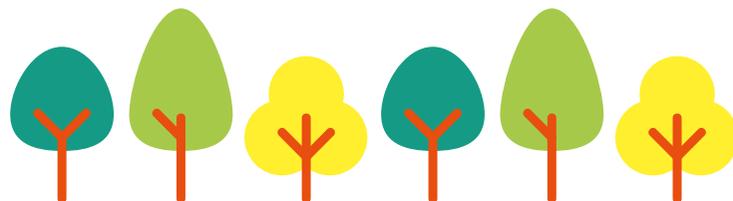
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### End of project reflection

- What three words would you use to describe home?
- What was it like to travel far away from home in your spaceship?
- What was it like to come back to Earth?

Now it's time for you to land back on Earth! Welcome home!



### More from The Art Room

If you enjoyed this Space Project, why not try one of the activities on our additional resources page?

Continue exploring the theme of 'space' by stargazing, making your own sun or moon painting, alphabet rockets and more!

[Download additional resources](#)

### Have you seen our other Art Room at Home Projects?

Visit The Art Room At Home website to see our other projects for families, including the Seasons Tree. We'll be adding new projects regularly, so keep checking the website for more.

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