

# Play School Art Time

## Educator Notes: Episode 2. Space

### In this episode

The Art Crew explore the wonder and beauty of our solar system. They collage neon shapes, use glow in the dark paint and vibrant coloured chalk to contrast with the darkness we associate with infinite space!

By experimenting with **shape**, **line**, and **composition**, the Art Crew create amazing space scenes including planets, stars, galaxies, rockets, astronauts and even aliens!

Matt creates a rocket ship using upcycled cardboard, repurposed shiny wrapping paper, tape, ribbon and fabric.

### Material Suggestions

- Black cardboard
- White paper
- Acrylic paint – include white and fluorescent colours
- Glow in the dark paint
- Rollers
- Chalk



### Let's extend

- Closely observe pictures of the planets, discuss the **textures** and **patterns** children notice. Identify everyday objects or surfaces that may replicate planet textures and patterns - such as brick, bark, coral or rock. Layer paper over chosen surface, rub wax crayons gently over the top, cut out planet shapes then add them to your space scene.
- Be inspired by the night sky! Look at star constellation maps online and explore the beautiful patterns stars create.
- Do you have a light table? Create spacey assemblage scenes using dark cellophane, coloured Perspex shapes and bright tissue paper. Photograph and print so children have a record of their art.

"When we look out into space, we are looking into our own origins, because we are truly children of the stars."

- Brian Cox

### Music

Title: *Out into Space*  
Composer: Jean McKinlay  
Publisher Thomas Nelson

Title: *Rocket Song*  
Composer: Mark Barnard / Peter Dasent  
Publisher: Control / Origin / ABC Music Publishing

