

Year Group: EYFS

Length: 18 minutes

Starting Positions: Sit in your own space on the floor

Learning Intentions:

To know about:

- The special clothes we have to wear in Space (space suit, gloves, boots and helmet)
- Gravity on the moon – that there is less of it and so you can bounce around
- Mars – that it is a red planet and there are dust storms
- Saturn – that the rings of Saturn are made up of ice and rock

Synopsis:

- You are sitting at home with your sick dog, Mars. He needs to go to the vet and you're very worried.
- You tuck him in to his bed, and go up to bed yourself, but you're unable to sleep.
- Taking out your telescope, you gaze up at your favourite planet, Mars, and make a wish that your dog gets better soon.
- Without warning, a spaceship flies through the air and lands in your back garden! It's an alien, Kai, who has heard your wish and come to help you make a medicine for Mars.
- You need to visit a few planets with Kai to collect materials for the medicine. The first ingredient is soil from Earth, so you scoop up some soil and place it in the medicine jar.
- Next stop is the Moon. You put on your spacesuit and travel to the Moon, hurtling through space.
- You bounce around on the Moon for a bit, and collect moonstone for the medicine.
- Next stop is Mars. You collect the red soil from its surface and a red rock for your dog. You are almost caught in a sandstorm but manage to get back to the spaceship just in time.
- Your final stop is Saturn, and after orbiting it and collecting ice from its rings, you head back to Earth and mix the medicine on the way. It turns a golden colour.
- After crash-landing on Earth, you close your eyes and wake up in your own bed. It's morning; your mum has returned from the vet and Mars is happy and well after being given a golden liquid.
- Was it all just a dream? You reach into your pocket and find the red rock you took from planet Mars...

Characters

- **Mum**
- **Mars** – your dog who is ill
- **Kai** – an alien from space who helps you make a medicine for Mars

Locations:

- Planet Earth
- The Moon
- Mars
- Saturn

Glossary:

- **Telescope** – an instrument which we can use to see stars and planets
- **Mars** – a red, rocky planet, the fourth from the Sun
- **Saturn** – the sixth planet from the sun, known for its rings of ice
- **Rings of Saturn** – the rings are made of ice and rock, and they move around Saturn in a circle
- **Spacesuit** – a full-body suit we must wear when we're in space
- **Gravity** – the force that exists on every planet, which keeps us on the ground.

Discussion:

Story & Factual

- What was the name of our dog?
- Why were we so worried about him?
- When we were in our room, what did we use to look at planet Mars?
- Which planets did we visit?
- What materials did we collect for the medicine?
- What did we bring back from Mars as a gift to our dog?
- What two things might prove that we did in fact go to Mars? (the red rock, the golden liquid that Mars was given at the vets)

PSHE & Philosophical

- Do you think it was a dream, or did we really go to space with an alien?
- Have you ever had a dream you thought was real?
- Would you like to meet an alien? What would you say to them?
- What is your favourite planet? Would you like to visit it?
- How did it feel to bounce around on the Moon?
- How did you feel when you were orbiting Saturn?

Resources:

You'll find these follow up resources on your shared drive:

- **Photo Storyboard** – order the images from the story (or use them for other things – e.g. writing)
- **Action Flashcards** – repeat some of the story actions in class using these cue cards
- **Or try some ideas of your own!**