



## Craft Activity

**Theme:** Space

**Intro:** Space is everything above Earth's atmosphere. Space is made up of gas, dust and other bits of matter, as well as planets, stars and galaxies. Learn all about Space at Playgroup today.

**Craft activity:** Name Rockets

**Children will need:** Coloured cardboard, glue sticks, scissors, textas, pencils or crayons, space themed stickers.

### Instructions:

Cut out enough squares for each letter of your name. Cut triangles for the nose cone and fins. Use a glue stick to glue the shapes onto a piece of cardboard. This can be a rocket shape (or any shape you would like). Once your shapes have been glued, use a texta, crayon or pencil to write each letter of your name. Use space stickers to decorate your picture.

### Extension Ideas:

Use different shapes for your rocket. Add coloured cellophane, crepe paper or wool to the bottom of the rocket to make flames. Younger children can trace letters of their names. Before gluing to the cardboard, children can put their name in order to encourage name recognition.

**Fact:** Because there is no gravity in space, all objects will float. You also cannot hear people talk in Space as there is no air or vacuum. Sound is made up of "waves" and these need air for us to hear them.



**Learning Outcome 5:** Children are effective communicators.

## Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

### Sensory activity: Moon Sand

**You will need:** Sand, cornflour, water, tray, alfoil balls

#### Instructions:

Place 3 & ½ Cups of sand, 1 & ¾ Cup cornflour and ¾ Cup water into a tray. Mix around in the tray to form mouldable sand. Scrunch medium sized alfoil balls to use as planets.

### Group time ideas:

Children can have a “show n’ tell” and discuss their rockets.

Ask the children if they know:

- Any planet names
- Which planet we live on
- What objects might they see in space
- Where the stars go during the day (they are still there, but we can’t see them as there is too much sunlight)

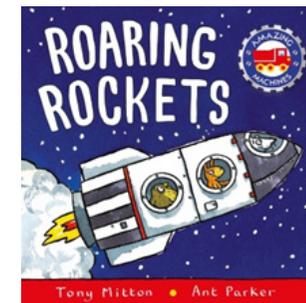
### Outside Activity:

Build a large box rocket together or you could make your own cardboard solar system using cardboard, glitter glue and pom poms. (see picture below).



### Book Suggestions:

Roaring Rockets By Tony Mitton & Ant Parker  
There’s no Place like Space By Tish Rabe





## I'm a Little Rocket Ship

*(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)*

I'm a little rocket ship tall and thin  
Here is my nose cone, here are my fins  
When I get all fuelled up then I zoom...  
Off the launch pad to the moon.

## Zoom Zoom

Up in the air I fly  
Zoom, zoom, a-zoom a-zoom zoom  
Up in the clear blue sky  
Zoom, zoom, a-zoom a-zoom zoom  
Zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom a-zoom a-zoom zoom  
Zoom, zoom, zoom, zoom a-zoom a-zoom zoom.

## We're Going Up

We're going up, we're going up  
As high as we can go  
We're going down, we're going down  
We're going way down low  
Up, up, up, up, up, up, up  
Down, down, down, down, down.

## Zoom Zoom Astronaut

Zoom zoom astronaut are you having fun?  
With the stars and the moon and the great big sun  
Are you up there all alone?  
Wouldn't you rather be at home?  
Zoom zoom astronaut are you having fun?  
With the stars and the moon and the great big sun.