



GET CREATIVE



30 MINUTES



PREPARATION  
NEEDED

# FLOATING INTO SPACE



## AIM

Create an impressive piece of art that sees an astronaut float off into space on an adventure, to explore the planets of our solar system. Link with World Space Week (4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October).

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- > 8 Planet Pictures Picture Sheets
- > Floating into Space Activity Sheet
- > Scissors
- > Black Card / Paper
- > Glue
- > White Chalk



# GET CREATIVE: FLOATING INTO SPACE

THEME: ARTY & CRAFTY



## LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to download and print a copy of the '8 Planet Pictures' as well as the Floating into Space template. You'll need a copy of the Floating into Space activity sheet for each child. A leader may wish to pre-cut some of the planets / astronaut to save time.




**Download 8 Planet Pictures & Floating into Space Activity Sheet**



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

### Sort the Planets

Learn a little bit more about the planets in our solar system before completing the craft.

- 1  Download and print the 8 planet pictures. You could alternatively write the names of each planet onto a sheet of paper. Cut the four sheets into the 8 planets
- 2 This activity challenges the group to order the planets. Children can either hold a planet each and form a line, or place all the planets on the floor and order them on the floor. Complete the following three order challenges – Alphabetical, Closest / Furthest from the Sun, Size order.
- 3 When children have guessed at an order, let them know if they are correct or not. Allow the group to rearrange the order until they have got it correct. Answers are provided on the activity sheet.

### Floating into Space

- 1 Give each child a piece of black card / paper and a copy of the Floating into Space sheet.
- 2 Children should cut out the astronaut and the planets. This could be done by a leader beforehand to save time.
- 3 Stick the astronaut at the bottom of the page with glue. Above the astronaut glue the planets into what looks like a collection of helium balloons.
- 4 Use the chalk to draw lines from each planet to the astronaut's hand, to look like balloon strings.
- 5 Finally use the chalk to add dots to the black background to look like stars



## IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Hold a quiz on the planets of our solar system, to help learn more about each planet. This could include true or false facts, trivia questions, bigger or smaller / closer or further challenges and more.



## KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Care should be taken when using scissors.

# SORT THE PLANET: ANSWERS

## ALPHABETICAL



EARTH



JUPITER



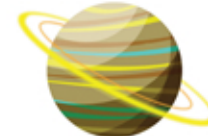
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MERCURY



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URANUS



VENUS

## CLOSEST TO THE SUN



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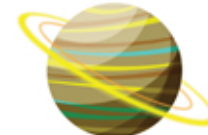
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## SIZE ORDER (SMALLEST TO LARGEST)



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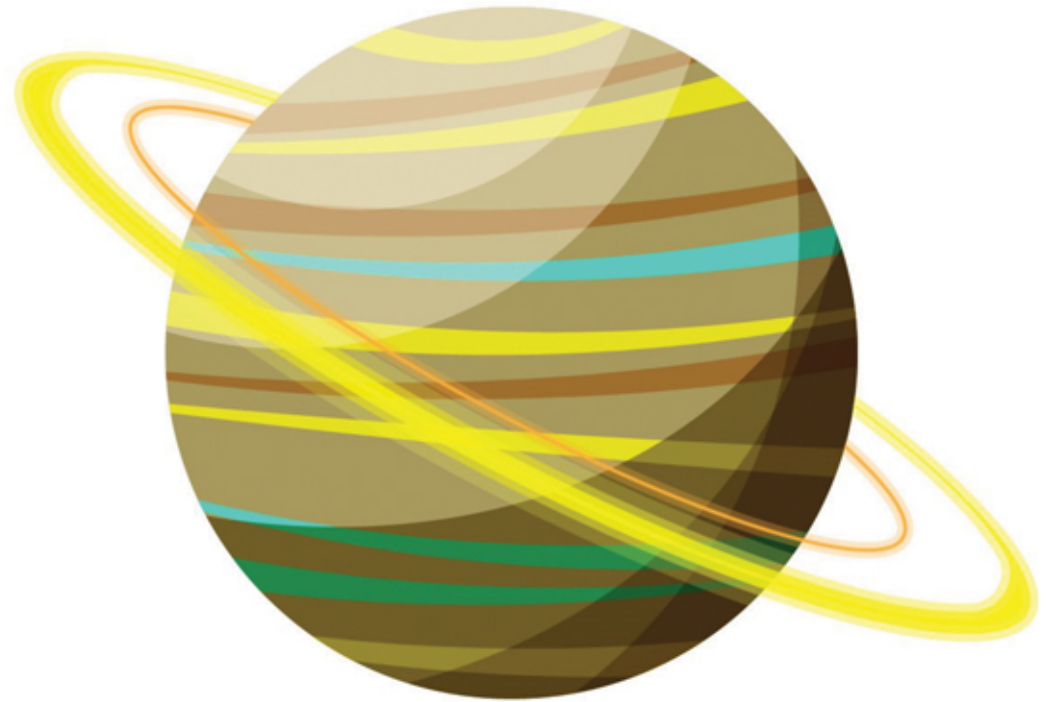
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