



Activities at Home

'Once Upon a Time'

Dear Parents,

The activity for the week 2 commencing 11th January is:

Once Upon a Time, Man Looked at the Moon...Now We Walk On It

The activity we will be covering involves:

- Discussing ideas about the Moon throughout history
- Learning about the Apollo 11 Moon Landings in 1969
- Use foil printing to create our own pictures of the Moon

Our activity includes:

First we will discuss the Moon. What is it? What is it made of? We will talk about how throughout human history we have been absolutely intrigued by the Moon. We have found cave paintings in France showing the different phases of the Moon; the Romans celebrated the goddess that they believed was in charge of the moon, Luna, a word that is still used to describe the moon today; inventors and scientists were so fascinated by the moon that they designed telescopes strong enough to see it properly. Throughout history people have worshipped the Moon and longed to find out more about it.

Then we did.

Many years ago Russia and the USA had a competition. They wanted to learn more about Space, from launching the first manned rocket with a person inside (Yuri Gagarin, in 1961), to landing the first man on the Moon (Neil Armstrong, 1969). Today we are going to learn more about the Moon Landing by reading a short power point.

After children have gone through the PowerPoint and we have discussed it, we will create our own pictures of the moon, using card discs and scrunched up tin foil. The children will dip the tinfoil into silver paint and then use this to print onto the disc, creating a cratered effect.

Home learning: as you may not have silver paint, tear off tin foil and stick to a card disc and try and make it bumpy!

We will finish the lesson by sharing the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy – see link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6c5cb0u0rPM>

You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations. Our suggested activities are:

Introduce your child to the different phases of the Moon as you see them in the night sky, helping them to understand that the shape of the Moon changes at different points of the month.

Listen to the StoryBots song about The Moon on YouTube to help deepen your child's understanding of the moon.

Use junk around the house to create your own rocket!

