



**Year R 2018/19 Topic (1): Mission to Mars**

**Hook: A rocket crash landed in the woods and left 2D shape foil fragments behind!**

**Learning Opportunities:**

- Aliens Love Underpants treasure hunt around the school
- Designing and labelling underpants to stop the aliens from stealing them
- Ordering numbered underpants on the washing line
- Measuring the underpants using multi-link cubes and tape measures
- Retelling the story of *Whatever Next!* with key props
- Making Fruit Kebab Rockets using a simple repeated pattern
- Designing an Astronaut Obstacle Course
- Creative representation of a Space Rocket for the space tortoise
- Recreating star constellations using Spaghetti and Marshmallows
- Comparing planet sizes and ordering by their distance from the sun
- Jedi phonics: letter writing with foam lightsabers
- The Way Back Home* circle time: feeling scared and helping people
- Retelling the story of *How to Catch a Star* through expressive dance
- Astronaut Gymnastics in PE
- Making papier-mâché planets
- Daily Funky Fingers sessions to support fine motor skills
- Making moon rock cakes for the Great Space Bake Off



**Topic Songs:**

- Ten Red Rockets Blasting to the Moon (Makaton)
- Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer (Makaton)
- Eight Planets (Frere Jacques)
- Zoom, Zoom Zoom (We're Going to the Moon)
- Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star



**Opportunities for Parents/Guardians:**

- Parents' Evening
- Phonics Workshops
- Individual Learner Observations via 2Simple2BuildAProfile

**End Goal:** Astronaut Training Day with activities for parents

