



Starry Universe

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Baby & Toddler



3-5 years



6-12 years



Multiage

HOW DO I SET UP & PLAY?

Curiosity Spark - *What do you think is in a universe? Write down their ideas or encourage older children to create their own learning web (template in the Space printables pack)*

- A universe includes living things, planets, stars, galaxies, dust clouds, light, and even time. If you can, introduce some images or books for children to look at and investigate on their own before painting.
- Give each child a piece of black paper or cardboard.
- Add dishes of paint and cotton buds.
- Show how to dip into the paint then dab onto their paper to create their own stars and planets and 'build' their universe. The more they add the bigger their universe.
- Keep it simple for younger children and just have fun dabbing paint to make stars!

EXTENDING LEARNING SPARKS

- Why is there red and blue paint? Are planets different colours?
- Are all stars white?
- Investigate and problem solve together using books and online research/videos of real galaxies and constellations.
- Paint paper spheres to represent planets then glue onto your starry universe. What are the planet names in our universe?

WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED?

- Sheets of black paper or cardboard (you can provide 1 sheet for each child or create a group mural with a long sheet of paper).
- Cotton Buds/Tips (at least 1 per child)
- White, dark blue and red acrylic/craft paint in shallow dishes
- Images/books/videos of galaxies, planets etc making up the 'universe'.



Exploring & using my senses



Building My Language & Literacy Skills