



Rocky Planet Shake

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AGE GROUP



3-5 years

HOW DO I SET UP & PLAY?

Curiosity Spark - Can we paint a space storm? What does a real storm look like in space?

- Encourage children to cut out their own planet shape (doesn't need to be a circle!) or use ones you have already cut out.
- Place paper planet into the tray and add a few drops of the watercolours along with the bouncy balls.
- Show children how to shake and tilt the box or tray to roll the balls across the paint without them falling out.
- Look at the patterns and colours formed as they move.
- Take the paper planet out and glue to a sheet of black card. It now has a 'storm swirling' pattern all over it.
- Look at real images of planets that might have storms in their atmosphere - one example is Neptune.

WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED?

- Small rubber bouncy balls or large marbles
- Liquid watercolours (water mixed with edicol dyes or food colouring)
- Shoebox or shallow tray
- Large circles cut from paper
- Small white sticker dots
- Children's scissors



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EXTENDING LEARNING SPARKS

- Set out sheets of paper towel, the same watercolours and a few eyedroppers.
- Encourage children to squeeze up some paint then drop onto the paper towel. The colours will run and mix together to form a different type of colourful swirly pattern. What new colours can you make?

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