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Nursery News

Welcome to our Newsletter!

NEPTUNE CLASS

Notice board

- Please find in this newsletter an outline of the learning we are currently doing at school. You can also find suggested activities and challenges you can do at home with your child.
- **Montessori:** Maria Montessori was an early proponent of experiential learning and considered the outdoor environment a natural extension of the classroom. The Montessori connection makes sense: contact with nature affords opportunities for rich sensorial experiences, a vital element of Montessori learning. It also supports the whole child—body, mind and soul—and promotes respect for all living things.
- **Please bring in cardboard boxes of all shapes and sizes** so we can use them to make rockets!
- Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact:

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Ukrainian Art Display:

This week, the children in each class made their own art piece inspired by a style of Ukrainian art. In Sapling class, we made these flower wreaths. We used paper plates, paper flowers and crepe paper ribbons for ours. The children all did so well and made beautiful art pieces!



Suggested activities to support your child in their learning:

Prime Areas of Learning

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: The children will be working together in groups to make rockets from cardboard boxes! This activity will promote their teamwork skills as well as conflict resolution as they share ideas and listen to the ideas of others.

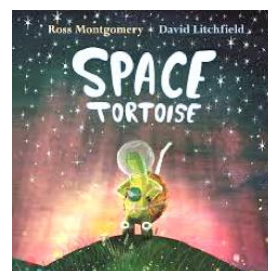
Activity: Talk to your child about working as a team and listening to others ideas.

Physical development: In PE the children are playing group games and learning to follow rules to play co-operative games with their friends and initiate them in their free play.

Activity: Play some turn-taking games with your child

Communication and Language: This week we will be reading 'Space Tortoise'. This is a lovely story about a lonely tortoise who thinks he might find some friends on the moon. He uses found objects to make a space suit as well as sail him across the pond to the 'space rocket' he can see. We will use this story to talk about junk modelling before the children make their rockets.

Activity: Listen to the following planets and space songs! Can you repeat the name of the planets?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNIhqPz5-Kw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvCws5ut0Vw>

Specific Areas of learning:

Literacy: Next week we will be revising the sounds 'y' and 'j'

Activity: Following on from our topic, you can try the following sound games on [Phonicsplay.co.uk](https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) selecting phase 1 and phase 2 activities.



Maths: We will be recapping ordering by size and length using aliens and spaceships!

Activity: You might like to practise this at home. For example, give your child a pencil and ask “can you find something that is longer?”

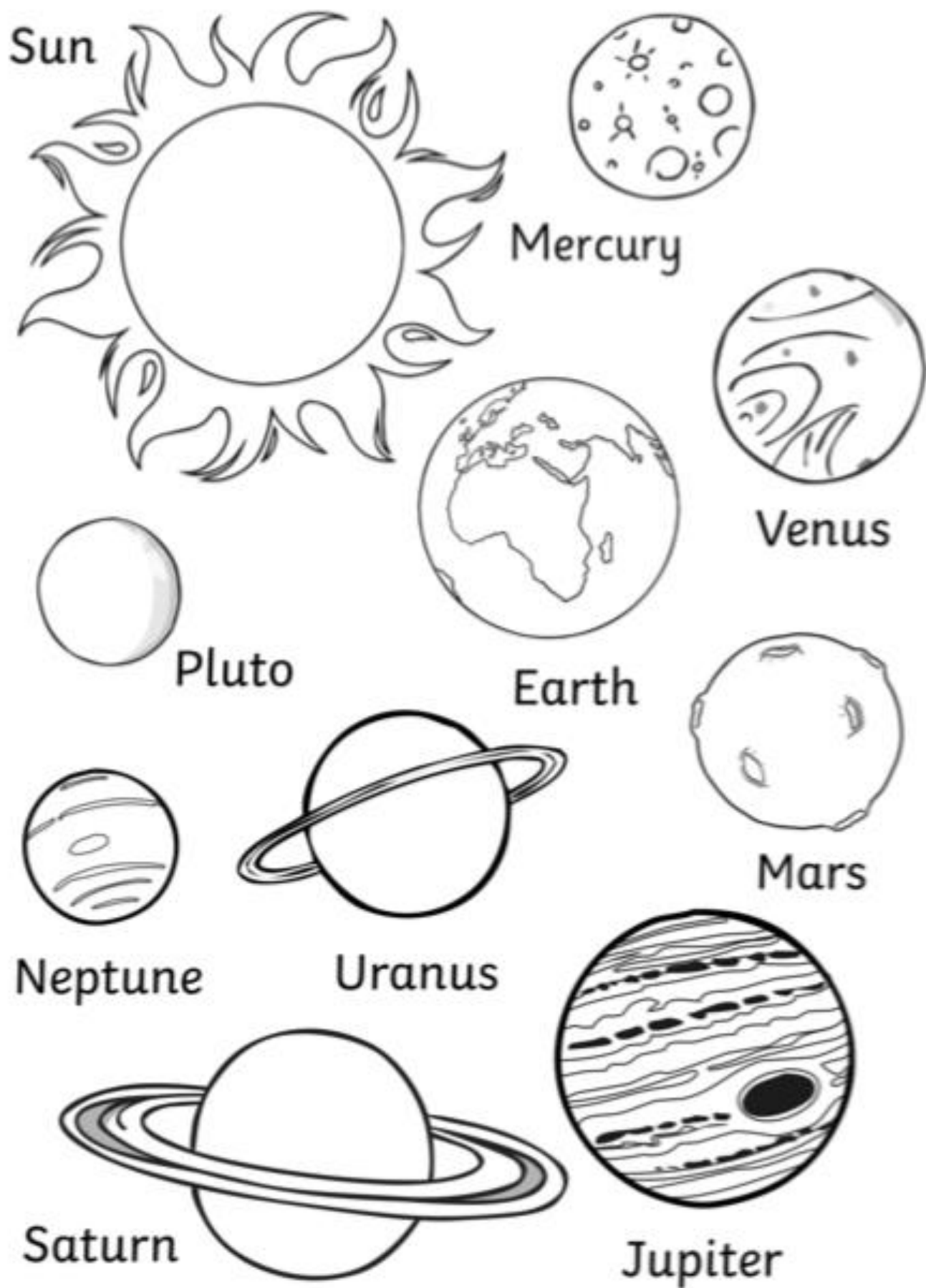
Understanding of the World: We will be learning about space this week! The children will learn the names of the planets and about some famous astronauts! We will think about what the children would need if they were going on a trip into space.

Activity: Please find below a space word mat to discuss this topic and a planets colouring sheet.

Expressive Arts and Design: Next week the children will be using foil to print the texture of the moon, making UFOs (with aliens inside) and using the bottles left over from last week to make their own rockets (as well as the cardboard box rockets they are doing in groups).

Activity: Can you have a go at some of these crafts?





Space



Mercury



Saturn



Venus



Uranus



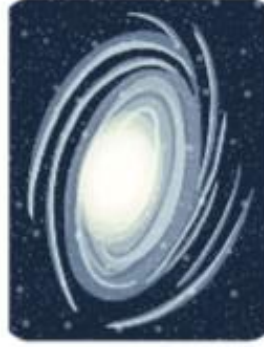
Earth



Neptune



sun



galaxy



space shuttle



stars



Jupiter



moon



comet



asteroids



Mars



satellite



rocket

vacuum