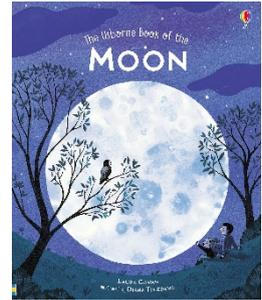


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Up to 7 years

The Usborne Book of the Moon

Usborne Publishing, Laura Cowan, Diana Toledano (9781474950848)



The activities below are designed to be used at home with parents, or as gentle links to the school curriculum, easing children back into school life. Simply select activities to suit the children's interests and states of mind. Please feel free to adapt, and we will be pleased to hear of all successes.

Bookmarks)

Bunting) download the templates provided

'Flag a Fact')

Choose your favourite fact from this book, make a flag and then put it in the window for people to see.

Design an alternative cover for this book using any medium you would like.

Discussion Point – if you are virtually meeting in a group, think about the following:

Pages 4 - 5 asks many questions such as:

How old is the moon?

What makes it shine?

Does the moon have a face?

Can all these questions be answered? Research the ones that can be.

English/Literacy

Write a story about visiting the moon.

It could be about the take off, the journey towards the moon, or actually landing on the moon. How are you feeling? Excited? Afraid? Brave? What can you see?

If you can get hold of some books, or research online, read some myths surrounding the moon. Are there any you especially like? Can you retell it in your own words?

Maths

Ask an adult to help you find some statistics about the moon. How far away from Earth is it? How long would it take to get there in a space rocket? What if you converted that to driving at average speed in a car? How old would you be when you arrived?

Find some other numbers about the moon and convert those to activities in your normal life. How hot or cold would you be? How long would it take to eat/digest a meal compared with here on Earth?

Science

What creatures come out at night? These are called nocturnal animals. Research which animals are nocturnal and why some animals appear at night, and others during the day.

History/Geography

Look at the timeline for the Race to the Moon and the countries involved.

PHSE

Animals were first sent into space to see if it was safe for humans. Was this fair?

Which animals were sent up? Does it make a difference whether you think it was right for animals to be sent into space, depending on the type of animal?

Art/DT

Draw or design a spacesuit or spacecraft. It can be as weird and wonderful as you like.

ICT

Here are a few suggested websites for you to look at:

<https://www.usborne.com/quicklinks/eng/catalogue/catalogue.aspx?loc=uk&id=14833>

www.coolkidfacts.com/moon-facts-for-kids/

www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/moon/facts.htm

www.spaceplace.nasa.gov/search/moon

www.nytimes.com/2019/07/23/science/moon-landing-women-apollo-11.html