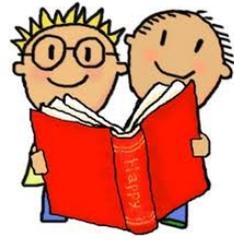




Space Exploration

Further Reading List Year 2 Autumn 1



Book	Author	Blurb
<i>Man on the Moon</i>	Simon Bartram	his excellent picture book has enough depth to captivate pupils across the whole primary range and is a good choice for KS1. It follows the story of Bob, an ordinary man with the extra-ordinary job of keeping the moon clean and entertaining moon tourists. Highly recommended.
<i>Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover</i>	Markus Motum	This striking picture book explores the story of Curiosity, the robotic space rover sent by NASA to find out about life on Mars. The story is told from the point of view of the rover herself and is packed with information and stylised illustrations. Engaging and interesting, this picture book is a big hit in the classroom and offers a new perspective into the collection of narratives for children about space exploration.
<i>Field Trip to the Moon</i>	Jeanne Willis & John Hare	<i>Field Trip to the Moon is a stunning picture book exploring what happens when one child on a school trip to the moon accidentally gets left behind after the school space ship departs. Depicted in atmospheric shades of grey, with soothing rhyming text, we see the aliens creep up to investigate the lost child who is drawing a picture of Earth. For the moon aliens, the crayon colours open up a whole new world and lead to 'the best day of our lives'.</i>
<i>The Darkest Dark</i>	Chris Hadfield & The Fan Brothers	This is the story of astronaut Chris Hadfield's memories of being a young boy and being inspired by watching the Apollo 11 moon landing on television. To follow his dreams of becoming a real astronaut, Chris had to overcome his long-standing fear of the dark that plagued his bedtimes as a young child.
<i>The Skies Above My Eyes</i>	Charlotte Guillain & Yuval Zommer	Some books are made for sharing and 'The Skies Above My Eyes' is a wonderful example of one. The book folds out into a beautifully-illustrated 2.5m long double-sided journey up through the layers of the atmosphere, with small chunks of informative text along the way. Starting on ground level with a girl standing on a busy street, readers can follow her gaze upwards to pass towering skyscrapers, various aircraft and space vehicles and finally to planets and stars. On the reverse, the girl lays on the grass at the foot of a mountain, looking up towards birds, paragliders, through weather systems, meteoroids and comets. Reading the information from the bottom to the top on one side and then the opposite way round on the reverse feels like a jumping in a space craft and blasting off on a trip to the ends of the solar system and then descending back to the Earth's surface.