



Activity ideas to support Learning at Home 2-5 year olds Early Years Service, Children's Services Buckinghamshire Council

Rhyme Time 'The Moon'

Play a game with me, Mr. Moon.
Can you look like a white balloon?
Can you hide half of your face
and move around high up in space?
Can you look like a smile on its side?
I can't see you where do you hide.

Can you look out of your window at night and see the moon? Does it look the same every-day? The moon appearance changes on a cycle. Perhaps use paper or paper plates to re-create the phases of the moon. Find out more - [Moon phases](#)

Listen to the story and Watch Hatem as he shows us how he illustrated different parts of the story that highlight different aspects of Ramadan. Join Hatem to give it a go yourself and draw your own very special moon. [Celebrate Ramadan Kareem | Words for Life](#)



Space Fun

Chatter Together

I wonder where light comes from
Ask your child to share their ideas?
Chat about different lights and bring new words into your conversation, stars, moon sunlight, lightbulb, torch, fireworks, fire, light and dark, shadow, silhouette.
When is it dark or light, when is it sunrise and sunset?



Making a telescope to see the night sky.

[Make a Cardboard Telescope: Ideas for Grandparents - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

All you need is a tube.
Decorate using pens, crayons, stickers
And pretend to look for the moon and stars.



Let's Sing

Join your child in singing some nighttime songs – [Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star | Words for Life](#) – lie on your back and watch your hands as they follow the actions while you sing.



Story Time

Listen to Dr Who as he tells the story of [The Way Back Home](#) about a boy who finds himself making a friend in space.

Or take a trip to the local [library](#) to locate the book. **Create your own space rocket or alien spaceship.** Use an empty kitchen towel holder, decorate your rocket with felt pens, paints or stick coloured paper, wrappers to it.

Create a Cosy Dark Den

Collect a blanket, towel, or sheet. Hang it over or peg it over a table, chair, or sofa to **build a Den**. This will create a small space that Your child will love. Perhaps use a torch or a mobile phone torch and explore light patterns, shadows and the **Dark!** To find out more about creating shadows [explore here](#)
Use this space to read other stories by torch light.



[Building Dens With Kids - BBC Tiny Happy People](#) offers lots of ideas on the benefits of den building with your child.

Top Tips

Allow children to create their own dens and artwork and encourage them to use their own imagination to develop their play, could they visit the moon, can they pretend they are following an adventure in a book?

You may have some ideas and could assist your child on the journey, by asking prompting questions such as 'what should be take on our journey?' And 'where should we go in our rocket?'

Creating a den or quiet space is the perfect place to pretend and make believe. Helping your child to show an understanding of the world they live in.

Chatting Matters

Vocabulary and increasing the number of new words you child hears every day is very important for future learning. **Use words like crescent, moon, full or half-moon, candle, sunlight, lightbulb, torch, stars, fireworks, fire, light and dark, silhouette, and shadow.**

Information for Parents/ Carers



Find out more

[Space Website – CBeebies](#)

[Health for Under 5s](#)

[CBeebies Parenting](#)

[Learning to talk - Start for Life - nhs.uk](#)

[Homepage | Best Start in Life](#)

[Small Talk | National Literacy Trust](#)

[Home - Starting Reception](#)



Find out more about your Child's development

[What to expect in the Early Years: A guide for parents](#)

If you have any concerns about your child's development the first thing you can do is chat to your Child's Key Person at their Setting

Communication and Language 3 and 4 year olds

You might notice that your child can:

- When I am playing, I talk to pretend: "Let's go on a bus... you sit there... I'll be the driver."
- I can use long sentences of four to six words.
- Use lots of different words. I like to learn new words.

Expressive Arts and Design 3 and 4 year olds

You might notice that your child can:

- Take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else.
- Enjoy exploring different materials freely. Develop my ideas about how to use them and what to make.
- Join different materials together.

Physical Development 3 and 4 year olds

You might notice that your child can:

- Join in with group and team activities. Sometimes I like to make these up with my friends.
- Can think carefully about which movement I need to make, for example whether to crawl, walk or run across a plank, depending on its length and width.