

## 'Map of the Stars' Art Workshop



Hello! In this workshop your class will be drawing from observation and imagination. By the end of the workshop each child will have created their own book using our research into the early scientific study of the night sky. This workshop was created with senior classes in mind but could be enjoyed by children of all ages.

Your class will need A4 paper and card, something to draw/colour with and a glue stick.

Part one Research through drawing. I give prompts throughout the storytelling to draw from images on screen. In the video, these images are on screen for 1 minute but your class will likely want more time to draw so do pause the video for an extra few minutes as needed.

Part two I show how to construct a book with 1 A4 page card & 2 A4 page paper. We will use our research drawings to create a drawing of the night sky. While making your books I recommend listening to some classical or jazz music.

### Additional exercise ideas:

This workshop would be a great complimentary workshop or starting point for lessons on space and space travel. Some great sources for more information are:

Space travel images and information: [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)

Images of early space & scientific study: [www.publicdomainreview.org/explore](http://www.publicdomainreview.org/explore)

TV series: The Planets, 1999 (BBC)

### **Alien Worlds - Science fiction worlds and story writing**

Take time to research the planets in our solar system through drawing and researching their surfaces and atmospheres.

Consider that beyond our solar system there are unknown worlds - every star could be a sun with planets in its orbit. What might exist out there? Could there be more earth like planets? Using plates as a stencil, draw a circle on a piece of card or paper and cut it out. Using magazines and/or newspapers collage the surface of a new planet. Name it and write a description of its surface and atmosphere. Put the classes planets together on the wall to create a new solar system rotating around a distant sun!

Now with collaging body parts from magazines and/or newspapers and drawing - can you invent new life forms (plants and animals) that might live there. Use these planets as new locations and these aliens as characters for science fiction story writing.