

My Astronaut Journey Poster - Levels A & B

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Learning Intentions

Students aim to recognise familiar planets from the Playful Astronauts journey.

Students aim to explore familiar ideas through pictures, symbols, and colours.

Students aim to participate in creating a visual representation of their journey.



Success Criteria

I can look at and choose familiar planet pictures.

I can place, stick, or mark planets on my poster.

I can show interest or enjoyment during the activity.



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Duration: 10 - 15 minutes

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Players

Individual activity

Students work alongside peers and adults

What You Need

A3 or large A4 paper

..... Large planet pictures or icons

Planet visuals with matching life skills

Coloured pencils

Glue sticks or Velcro dots

Optional: stickers, stars, textured shapes

AAC devices or communication boards as required

Setup

Display the planet visuals clearly at eye level.

Arrange materials so students can easily see and reach them.

Introduce the activity using simple, consistent language:

"We went on a space journey together."

"Today we are making a poster about space."

Adults briefly point to each planet visual and narrate:

"This is a planet we visited."

There is no expectation for naming or sequencing.

Ensure AAC devices are on and open to core words such as: planet, like, finished, good.



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Gameplay

Step 1: Choose Planets

Students receive their poster paper.

Offer one planet at a time for students to:

- Look at
- Touch
- Point to
- Choose

Adults narrate:

"You chose the planet...."

Students may choose all planets or only one or two.



Step 2: Place the Planets

Students place their planets onto their poster by:

- Gluing it
- Redrawing it
- Tracing around a template
- Watching an adult place it with their permission

Adults support with hand-over-hand assistance where needed and narrate actions:

"We are creating the planet"

Step 3: Decorate the Journey

Invite students to add simple decorations such as:

- Colouring around their planet/s
- Adding stars or dots to their posters
- Choosing favourite colours to use or sticking on images

Narrate positively:

"You are working on your space journey."

Students may stop at any time.



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Step 4: Notice and Share

Students are invited to notice their poster.

Adults prompt gently:

"Look at your planet."

"You've done a great job of decorating your planet."

Students may respond by:

- Pointing to their poster
- Looking at their poster
- Smiling towards their poster
- Using AAC

Adults acknowledge all responses.

Debrief / Reflection

Use one simple shared statement:

"This is your astronaut journey."

Optional AAC or gesture prompt:

"Good."

"Finished."

Winning the Game

There are no winners or losers.

Success is shown through participation, choice, and engagement.

Sensory-Specific Learner Variation

Purpose: To support regulation and access during creative work.

Adjustments may include:

- Using textured or raised planet shapes
- Working on one planet only
- Completing the poster across several sessions
- Standing, seated, or floor-based work
- Quiet workspace with reduced visual clutter

Observation-only participation is valid.



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AAC-Specific Supports

Prepare AAC in Advance

Core words: planet, like, good, finished

Model AAC Use

Adults model consistently:

“Planet.”

“Like.”

Accessibility and Inclusion Notes

Provide lap desks, clipboards, or accessible-height tables.

Accept adult-assisted creation as full participation.

Avoid expectations to recall, explain, or name life skills.

Celebrate presence and effort equally.

Teacher Notes

“My Astronaut Journey Poster – Levels A & B” is about recognition, not remembering.

The poster acts as a visual reminder that students were part of the journey. The emphasis is on **belonging, familiarity, and pride**, ensuring every student experiences success regardless of communication or cognitive level.



PLANET VISUALS

