

# Thank You Space Power Cubes – Levels F-3

# GRATITUDE

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## Learning Intentions

**Students will learn** to think about people in their school community they are thankful for. This promotes empathy, connection, and appreciation of others.

**Students will practise** creating a small gift or drawing to say thank you. This builds creativity, generosity, and thoughtful communication.

**Students will learn** to share their Space Token kindly with someone special. This nurtures confidence, kindness, and gratitude in action.



## Success Criteria

I can choose someone at school I'd like to thank.  
This develops social awareness and personal reflection.

I can make a Space Token or drawing to give away.  
This supports creative expression and giving.

I can give my token with kind words or a smile.  
This builds emotional confidence and strengthens relationships.



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## Players:

Ideal for 4–26 students working individually.

## Materials:

- Blank cube template (provided for you in the PDF resource section)
- Coloured pencils
- Optional: glitter, stickers, string, ribbon
- Glue sticks and scissors for putting the cube together.

## Time Required:

10–15 minutes

## Setup:

Start by reading the Saturn page from *The Playful Astronauts*. Ask students:

- “Who helps you feel happy or safe at school?”
- “Who has done something kind for you recently?”
- “How can we show someone we’re thankful?”

Explain that students will be making a “Space Power Cube” to say thank you to someone special at school. This could be a teacher, friend, classmate, helper, or anyone who makes their day brighter.

## Gameplay:

### Step 1 – Create the Space Power Cube:

Provide each student with a blank cube template. Invite them to:

- Draw a picture on each side of the cube (e.g. a star, smiley face, or something meaningful). Each side should have a different reason or theme as to why they are thankful towards that person.
- Add words like “Thank you”, “You are kind”, or their own name
- Decorate the cube with colour and care

Encourage students to think carefully about who will receive their gift and why.

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**Step 2 - Cut out and glue the cube together.**

## **Step 3 – Giving the Cube as a gift:**

Once complete, guide students through giving their Space Power Cube. They might say:

- “I made this for you because you help me.”
- “Thank you for being my friend.”
- Or simply offer it with a smile and eye contact

Support shy students or allow cubes to be placed on desks or given at home time if preferred.

## **Winning the Game:**

There is no winner. The value lies in the act of giving and the joy of seeing someone smile. Saturn teaches us that gratitude shared creates beautiful, lasting rings of connection.

## **Variations:**

### **Younger Students:**

Instead of a full cube, students can decorate one flat “Power Square” with drawings and messages. These can later be folded into cubes by the teacher or displayed on a classroom “Wall of Thanks.”

### **Older Students:**

Encourage more detailed reflections on each cube side, e.g., “Thank you for including me when I felt left out,” or “You inspire me to keep trying.”

### **Whole-Class Gratitude Chain:**

Instead of giving cubes to individuals, connect all cubes with string to create a “*Saturn Ring of Thanks*”, a visual reminder that everyone is part of the same circle of kindness.

### **Family or Staff Edition:**

Invite students to take home an extra blank template to make a Space Power Cube for someone in their family, or for a school staff member who works behind the scenes (e.g., cleaners, office staff, groundskeepers).

### **Mindful Giving Round:**

Before handing out the cubes, ask students to pause, take a deep breath, and silently wish happiness for the person receiving their gift.



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## For Wheelchair Users / Accessibility:

- Ensure templates are pre-cut if scissors are challenging to use.
- Provide glue sticks with easy-grip handles or double-sided tape for easier assembly.
- Students can create a *flat cube net* and write their gratitude messages without folding.
- For those who cannot draw, offer sticker sheets or assistive technology for typing or printing words of thanks.
- Allow verbal or assisted sharing through a peer buddy or teacher aide.

## Notes for Inclusion:

- Emphasise that everyone has *someone* they can thank, even if it's a friend, a teacher, or the class as a whole.
- Model vulnerability by making your own cube and sharing it with a student or colleague.
- Encourage diversity in giving: cubes can be for classmates, school staff, or family members.
- Highlight that gifts of gratitude don't need to be perfect, they just need to come from the heart.
- End the session with a shared reflection:
  - "How did it feel to give your Space Power Cube?"
  - "What did you notice about the person when you gave it to them?"
  - "Why do you think saying thank you makes everyone feel good?"

Conclude with a group affirmation:

"When we give thanks, we send kindness around us, just like Saturn's glowing rings that never end."

## Additional Notes:

"Thank You Space Power Cubes" empowers students to show appreciation in a way that feels special and memorable. By combining creativity, thoughtfulness, and giving, children learn that gratitude is not just a feeling. It's something we can share, give, and carry into the world around us, just like the enduring rings of Saturn.



# SPACE POWER CUBE

