

Activity: Solar System Poster

Aim:

This activity demonstrates a model of the solar system and illustrates the parts of the solar system, i.e. order of the planets, comets, asteroids. The activity get the children to describe relationships between planets, i.e. which are rocky/gaseous, which are hotter/ bigger/have a larger orbit.

Equipment needed:

- A3 black sheets of paper
- Solar system templates (if needed)
- PVA glue
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Coloured paper/items of litter

Method:

1. Divide the class into teams. Each team should receive a large sheet of black paper and a set of solar system templates
2. Each team should work together to make coloured cut-out shapes of the sun and planets of the solar system.
3. Each planet must be names and placed in the correct order from the sun and should include the Asteroid Belt
4. Show & Tell: each group should present their poster to the rest of the class and tell a few facts about the solar system (e.g. where comets come from, number of moon that Mars has, etc.)

