



## Making Music at Home - KS2 SPACE

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Hi everyone! This week we are taking a musical journey into Outer Space!



Warm up your voice by chanting this Space Rap with Mrs Caswell...

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7070230/video/412689625>

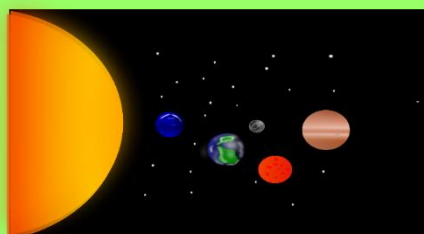
Can you make up some actions to each line? Try chanting it as a canon with someone else in your house.



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Here's a great song to help you learn the order of the planets:

<https://youtu.be/zKuAGmgWzHk?t=3>



The planets orbit the sun and you can name every one!

So take a deep breath, put your brain in gear,  
 Get yourself ready, let everyone hear:  
 Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars,  
 Whizzing round the sun, the biggest star  
 Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, too,  
 Don't forget Neptune, all of you! (repeat)  
**The planets orbit the sun; you see I can name every one!**

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Many composers have been inspired to write music about Space. The composer, Gustav Holst wrote a set of pieces of music about the planets. Listen to 'Mars':

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/KS2-gustav-holst-mars-from-the-planets/zf6hsrd>

What is the mood of this music? What does it make you think of?

How do the **dynamics** of the music change? (**Dynamics= loud and quiet**)

How many instruments in the orchestra can you name?

Can you hear the 5 beat repeating rhythm pattern in the music (**ostinato**)? Try chanting

'**Get in a space - ship, go to Mars**' along with the rhythm, or tapping it with a wooden



spoon or some chopsticks while you listen to the music again.



Now listen to '**Imperial March**' by John Williams from the film, Star Wars. Are there any similarities between the two pieces?

<https://youtu.be/QYMET+578MM?t=1>

Can you find any more music inspired by Outer Space? Ask your family. One of my favourites is 'Space Odyssey' by David Bowie. There are lots of great TV and movie themes about Space, too. Find out more about the 'Doctor Who' theme and how it was composed (you could even experiment making your own sounds)... <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhdscw/articles/zkkrbmd>

