



Whatever Next by Jill Murphy

Hiya there again everyone,

I hope you enjoyed last week's story about those funny aliens, this week's story is all about a little bear who has a great imagination, do you? He makes up a story about flying off to the moon. Can you make up a story? Tell it to your family.

- Listen to the story here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5eX57IJ1xY> or <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x5wvke7>
- Talk about the story, who are the characters? Why didn't the bear's mummy believe him? Look for a question in the story, can you find a question mark/ Draw it with your finger. Can you ask your grown up a question? Listen carefully to their answer.
- The little bear visits the moon, draw what you think the moon looks like.
- He gathers things he thinks he might need, a space helmet, space boots and a rocket. What does he use from his house for these things? What would you gather for a trip to space? Get your own bag ready.
- Make your own rocket from empty boxes etc, what shapes have you used? Explain what each part of your rocket does.
- The word `next` is important, we use it a lot when we have to put things in order. Think of which day comes next, which month is next? Put numbers in a line or write them, which number is next in your numberline? Choose a number, which number comes before it, which number comes next or after it in the sequence. When you write your name, which letter is next?
- The bear packs a picnic. Ask your grown up if you are allowed to prepare and pack a picnic, you might have it inside, in the garden, or maybe when you go out for a walk. Plan what you might have in your picnic, make a list of what you'll need.
- The bear tells his story at night time. What time do you go to bed? Which clothes do you wear? What can you see and hear when you go to bed? Which story do you enjoy at bedtime?
- Can you think of a rhyme about something in the night sky? It shines and twinkles. Watch and listen to these rhymes, you could sing along and dance and even make your own music with instruments or items to make noises in your home.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wk4KHJjpjQ>
- A man called Gustav Holst was a composer of music and he loved learning all about the moon and other planets, they gave him the idea to write music called `The Planets`, you could listen to them and try to work out which instruments you can hear
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Isic2Z2e2xs>
- Try some yoga moves based on moving around on the moon here with the story Mike and Mittnik on the Moon <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9W8iV4AJYQ>
- Jill Murphy wrote lots of other stories you might like to search for, A Piece of Cake, Peace At Last, 5 Minutes Peace, The Worst Witch.

Have a good week everyone, lots of love to you all x

