



## The Earth and Beyond

A project about space by Yr3/Yr4

### Overview:

This focus was aimed at Lower Key Stage 2 to provide them with high quality material for developing Literacy, Artistic, Musical, Personal and Social Education and with a strong link to other subjects across the curriculum to create an overarching 'project' theme.

The children were encouraged to explore everyday phenomena such as day and night and the formation of shadows related to the Sun's apparent movements across the sky. They also learnt about the Earth's relationship with the Sun and Moon. In the course of carrying out the activities, the children practiced questioning, observing, predicting, recording, measuring and drawing conclusions. They also had the opportunities to work co-operatively and to share their ideas with others.

### Facilitator Reflection:

This project's main thrust came from a mystery rock discovery which coincided with the crashing down of a large tree causing scorch marks across the playground ... could it be a meteor landing? The group set to work to test their theories and even called for an expert from the National Space Centre !

### Pupil Reflection:

I couldn't believe it when we found the meteor ... testing the rocks was amazing and it was great to interview everyone involved. We turned our work into a newspaper report and got one of the published in the village magazine along the theme of 'War of the Worlds'. It made me feel like a real expert.