

Spaces we go

# Picture Book Program

## Developed by ArtPlay and Family Services as part of the Picture Book Program.

We are travellers, here we go! Following tracks and maps, exploring our world and imagination. Far and wide, over and under, rolling and running. Come and join in the hullabaloo!

When children are free to explore their imagination, it creates enthusiasm, sparks energy and transforms their learning. Use this book to drive your imagination and see how far you can travel together!

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### About this project

The Picture Book Program 2017 is a partnership between two branches of the City Communities Group within the City of Melbourne – Community Services (Family Services) and Arts Melbourne (ArtPlay). The program is designed to engage families from within the municipality. It aims to encourage an awareness and enjoyment of literacy and the creative process, in a fun and supportive environment.

The illustrations, text, and music in this book were created by the attending families, using everyday materials, curiosity, and experimentation. The result is a book and a song to be enjoyed again and again.

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# Spaces we go

We are travellers. We ride on our scooters, in prams and on trams.

We go out far and wide! Walking tracks, following maps.

We go to the sea. We dive in the waves, we jump puddles and blow bubbles.

We ride in submarines, hunt through sea grass and fill the ocean glass by glass.

We go over land. Rolling and running! Orange wheels gliding, red wagon riding.

We ride to the station, a traffic jam of colour. Our city is blue, a bright hullabaloo.

We go into the sky. Away with the birds, we soar above crowds to the dragon clouds.

We ride on the wind in the sprinkling rain. We fly through rainbows As sun shines again.

We go into space. Twinkling and vast, astronauts zoom past stars and the moon!

We fell from Mars this morning, now we head for home and leave outer space for our quietest place.

Activities

## Cardbird

### You will need

* Recycled cardboard from cereal boxes, biscuits, etc…
* Feathers
* Straws
* Any other materials you may have lying around your home
* Scissors
* Stapler
* String
* Hole puncher

### Instructions

* Cut down the cardboard to the shape of a bird
* Use the left over cardboard pieces for the wings and beak
* Use the feathers and other things to decorate your bird
* Use a hole puncher to make a hole
* Thread a piece of string through the hole
* Your cardBIRD is now ready to be hung around the house or play with outside

## Submarine window

### You will need

* Transparent contact paper (sticky paper)
* Coloured paper for frame and cut outs
* Cellophane paper
* Tissue paper
* Masking tape
* Scissors

## Instructions:

* Cut the coloured paper into the shape of a circle (submarine window)
* Stick your window frame onto the transparent contact paper (sticky paper)
* Decorate your window by using the cellophane, tissue and card paper to build your image (imagine what you can see through a window of a submarine)
* When you are finished decorating, stick another piece of the contact paper over your window
* Cut out your window following your circle frame

## SUNCATCHER

Another activity you can do with the same materials is a large suncatcher!

### Instructions

* Hang a big piece of contact paper on a window using some masking tape, with the sticky part facing out
* Add cellophane and tissue paper to the sticky surface
* Add any other materials you can find (just remember that light will travel best through transparent materials)