

Aim: To give the boys a simple understanding of the stars and the constellations

Equipment:

- Template of star constellations
- OHP foils
- OHP and screen

Instructions:

Copy the templates onto OHP. Use these to project the constellations onto a screen. Another option is to make pin holes in an A4 sheet to the pattern on the constellations, and to use these to project the star pattern onto the screen.

If you live in a part of the country where stars are visible on clear nights, you could take the boys outside to see if they can spot any of the most common star patterns. Split the boys off into pairs and ask them to look up to the stars and try to work out which stars belong to which constellation on the sheet. When they have done this they should mark on the sheet to show that they have seen it.

The following website contains some great ideas www.kidsastronomy.com with downloadable resources showing the sky at night, sky maps and information about the planets.



No maximum number
depending on adequate
supervision



15-20 minutes

