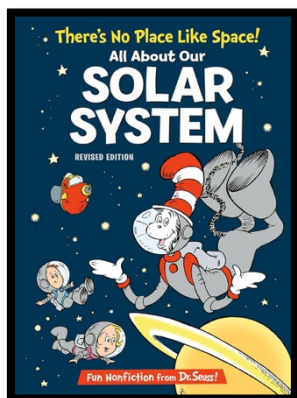


SPACE BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS – KS1

Here's a list of age-appropriate books that explore the theme of SPACE for KS1 primary school children.

1. "There's No Place Like Space: All About Our Solar System" by Tish Rabe



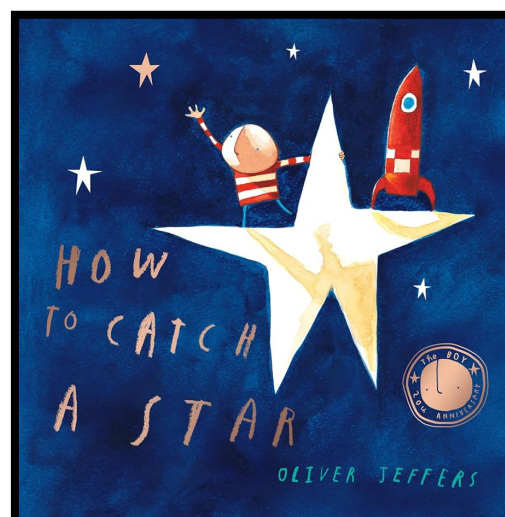
- **Overview:** This book, part of the Cat in the Hat's Learning Library, takes young readers on an adventurous journey through the solar system with the Cat in the Hat and his friends. It introduces basic concepts about planets, stars, and space in a fun and engaging way.
- **Why It's Great:** The playful rhyming text and vibrant illustrations make complex space concepts accessible and enjoyable for young children. It's perfect for capturing their imaginations and sparking curiosity about the universe.

2. "The Darkest Dark" by Chris Hadfield

- **Overview:** Written by astronaut Chris Hadfield, this story is about a young boy who dreams of becoming an astronaut but is afraid of the dark. Through his journey, he learns about space and overcomes his fears.
- **Why It's Great:** This book combines a personal story with an inspiring message about overcoming fears and following dreams. The space theme is woven seamlessly into the narrative, making it relatable and exciting for young readers.

3. "How to Catch a Star" by Oliver Jeffers

- **Overview:** This charming story follows a young boy who is determined to catch a star and keep it as his own. His imaginative adventures and creative problem-solving lead to a delightful resolution.
- **Why It's Great:** The whimsical illustrations and simple, engaging story make it an excellent choice for Year 1 and 2 students. It encourages imagination and wonder about the stars and the night sky.



4. "The Planet Book" by Gail Gibbons

- **Overview:** Gail Gibbons provides a clear and colourful introduction to the planets in our solar system. Each planet is discussed with fun facts and engaging illustrations.
- **Why It's Great:** The book's straightforward text and bright visuals make it an ideal introduction to the solar system for young learners. It's informative without being overwhelming, perfect for young children's attention spans.

5. "There's a Hole in the Sky: The Science of Space" by Linda Oatman High

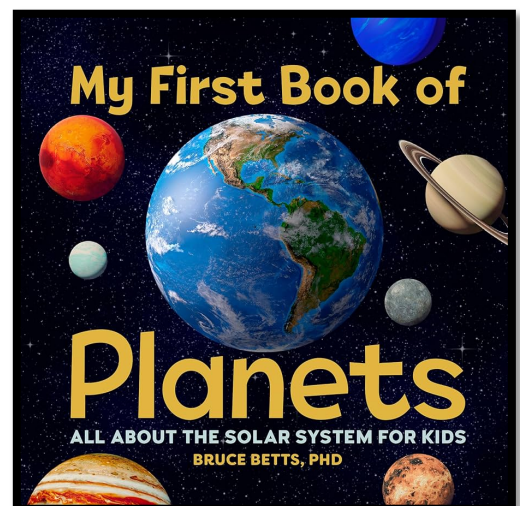
- **Overview:** This book introduces basic space science concepts through engaging rhymes and illustrations. It explains phenomena like the phases of the moon, the position of stars, and more.
- **Why It's Great:** The rhyming text makes scientific concepts more accessible and fun for young readers. The illustrations complement the text well, helping children visualize space-related phenomena.

6. "The Berenstain Bears Visit the Big Space Station" by Jan and Mike Berenstain

- **Overview:** This Berenstain Bears story features Brother Bear and Sister Bear visiting a space station and learning about space travel and astronauts.
- **Why It's Great:** The familiar Berenstain Bears characters and straightforward storytelling make this a great choice for young readers. It introduces basic concepts about space travel in an easy-to-understand format.

7. "My First Book of Planets: All About the Solar System for Kids" by Bruce Betts

- **Overview:** This book introduces young readers to the planets of our solar system with simple explanations and colourful illustrations.
- **Why It's Great:** It provides a straightforward, engaging introduction to the planets, making it suitable for young children. The visual aids and simple text help to make space concepts clear and interesting.



Each of these books is designed to introduce KS1 readers to the wonders of space in an engaging and age-appropriate way.