# **November Ideas for Parents**

#### **Asteroids**

Make moon rocks by scrunching foil into ball shapes.

Set up a cardboard box.

Try to throw the asteroids into the cardboard box. How many asteroids landed in the box? Increase the distance to be thrown.

(Encourage your child to scrunch the foil independently. Count with your child as you lift the asteroids out of the box.)

### Peeling Stars

Peel small stars from paper (these star packs can be bought in The Range). Stick them onto larger star shapes. Hang from the ceiling if possible. (Peeling stickers of any kind is a helpful activity to develop a child's finger strength and dexterity.)



### Scissor Skills

Practise snipping round the edges of paper.

Say this rhyme as you snip:

Open, shut, open, shut,
That's the way we cut, cut, cut.

Fingers on the bottom,
Thumbs on top,
Do not let the paper drop!
Open, shut, open, shut,
That's the way we cut, cut, cut

## Musical Fun

Make a shaker by filling an empty container with eg dried peas, rice, lentils. Seal the top securely.

Listen to music.

Shake the shaker to the beat. Explore how to play loudly and softly.



# Other Ideas

Print yellow stars onto black card using star cutters.

Make a pine-cone owl by gluing white pompom eyes, a red felt mouth and brown felt/pipe cleaner feet onto a pine-cone

Draw star shapes with a white crayon on white paper. Paint over the stars using black or blue paint and watch the stars appear.

Make Galaxy Dough by adding stars and glitter to black dough