

Postcards from Space

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1. Take an A5 piece of card.
2. On one side of the card, draw a scene from space.
3. On the other side, divide the card into $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$.
4. Write the address of the person you want to send your postcard to in the smaller third. Leave a space at the top right to stick a stamp on.
5. In the bigger third, write a note to the person you're sending your postcard to, telling them about space.
6. Put it in the postbox and wait for the person you've sent it to to let you know they've got it.

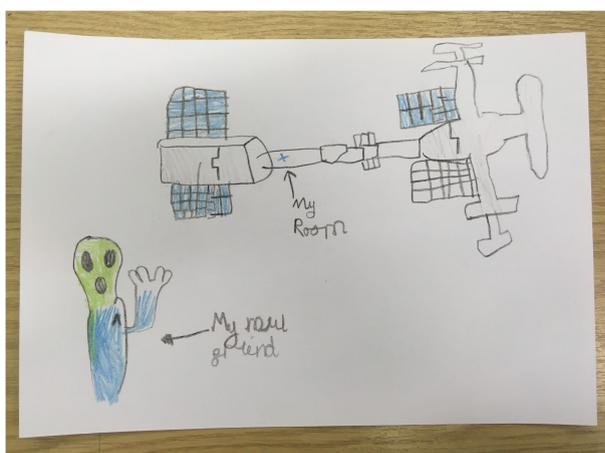
Tips of what to draw and write

Imagine you are an astronaut starting a colony on a new planet, or a scientist doing research on a new planet. Or maybe you're on an asteroid, or a moon, or maybe the International Space Station.

You're writing home to let people know about your trip. Who are you writing to? Maybe a grandparent or cousins? Will they be joining you later on? Did they suggest you visit where you are? Maybe it's your family and you want to let them know you're safe? Maybe they're your boss and you need to report back to them? What in particular interests do they have that they would like to know about?

What can you see? What can you hear? Who are you there with? Is it hot? Is it cold? What colours are there? What is there to eat? Why are you there? How long did it take to get there? What's your mission? Did anything happen on the way there? How can you move on the surface? Is there evidence of other life forms?

Here's an example



Hi I'm having a great time here on Space Station X93, but the the food worse than schools, I hope your time at home is nice and relaxing. We reenter earth's orbit on Wednesday.

Love Ptolemy
X ☺