Dear Parents,

Thank you for helping your child read and understand the weekly reading fluency passage. Reading at home will significantly help your child improve. Thank you for taking an active role in your child’s reading development.

One of the best ways to become a better reader, writer, and speller is to spend some time reading every day. Please help your child keep track of his/her weekly reading fluency practice at home. You can use some of the strategies listed on the Post It note above to vary your child’s reading practice. Also, you can ask questions to better determine if your child is understanding what they are reading. Please use the chart below to indicate what strategy your child used to practice reading fluency for the week.

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The Farm

Let us take a trip to a country farm. What things will we see? Look over there in that field. Mice play in the tall grass. The farmer’s barn is bright red. The doors are white. Inside the hay is stacked up high. See the cow grazing in the field? There is a calf nearby. The sheep sleep in the shade under the tree. Soon they will wake and take a drink in the pond. There is a duck swimming in the pond. Her babies stay close behind. Hello, duck! Say quack, quack, quack. The pig is in his pen. He is muddy. He is happy. The pig enjoys rolling in the dirt. Chickens peck the ground looking for seeds. The rooster struts on by. Past the fence, do you see that horse? He is saddled and ready to ride. Will he gallop over the hill? Will he trot nice and slow? The farm is full of life!
The Farm
Comprehension Questions

1. Where do the mice play?

2. Describe what the barn looks like.

3. What animals are at the farm?
The circus is in town! I am excited to go. There are clowns with funny faces. They ride little bikes and make us laugh. The clowns have hair in all different colors. There are elephants to ride. They have saddles for me to sit in. They have crowns with feathers on their heads. The tiger will show his teeth. He has very sharp teeth. Someone will try and get him to jump through a hoop. I like the monkeys. They are funny. The monkeys play games. They wrestle with each other. They jump into the crowds of people. Maybe a monkey will sit on my lap. The best part of the show is the acrobats. They are the people who swing way up high. They do flips and turns. They fly through the air. I would like to fly through the air like the acrobats. The circus is in town! I am excited to go.
The Circus
Comprehension Questions

1. What do the clowns do?

2. How does the author feel about the circus?

3. What is the best part of the show?
Exercise!

Jumping jacks, tumbling, handstands in the air. 7
Exercise is better than sitting in your chair. 15
Throw a ball back and forth. Go walking to and fro. 26
Get ready, get set, on your mark, let's go! 35
Find a friend and play a game or two. 44
Exercise is easy when you know what to do. 53
Put a helmet on and ride your bike. 61
Strap on a backpack and go for a hike. 70

Use a jump rope and sing a rhyme. 78
Be fit, stay active. Play outside most of the time. 88
Video games and television are fun for a bit. 97
Just remember, it's not healthy to only ever sit. 106
Climb the slide. Use the swings and monkey bars. 115
Try to walk if you can. Don't just use cars. 125
Find the time to go outside. Breathe in the fresh air. 136
Exercise is good for you. Let's make everyone aware! 145

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Exercise!
Comprehension Questions

1. It is better to exercise than to do what?

2. What can you do to exercise?

3. Where can you exercise?
The House that Is Haunted

Jack looked up at the old house. The dare had been to knock three times before running away. Everyone knew the house was haunted.

Cobwebs covered the walls. Broken windows rattled. A strange light flickered on and off on the front porch. Jack started up the dirt path. The streetlight had never worked. Jack only had the light of the moon. One step. Two steps. He was almost there. The porch creaked when he stepped on it. He almost ran away, but he was too close. With a shaking hand, he reached out to the door. Before he could knock, a black cat streaked past him, making him stumble. He fell back, and his foot went through the porch. He tried to pull it free. Bats darted down from their nest in the roof. He covered his head with his arms and started screaming. He ran to his friends on the sidewalk. When he looked back, he saw a face in the upstairs window smiling at him.
The House that Is Haunted
Comprehension Questions

1. What was Jack dared to do?

2. How did Jack feel about going to the haunted house?

3. What was scary about the haunted house?
Yellow Fish, Orange Fish

The yellow fish swam around his tank. He dove down to the bottom. He breathed air and pushed bubbles into the water. When he was tired, he went into his castle for a nap. When he woke up, an orange fish was staring at him. The orange fish swam around his tank. He dove down to the bottom. He even made bubbles in the water! The yellow fish was not happy. This was his tank! He did not want to share. He wanted to be the only fish there. The yellow fish stayed far away from the orange fish. He did not swim around anymore. He stayed in a corner. He did not dive to the bottom. He did not make air bubbles. He did nothing, and he was sad. Finally, he swam to the orange fish and said hello. Together they swam around. They dove to the bottom, and they made air bubbles. The yellow fish realized it was more fun sharing than being alone.
Yellow Fish, Orange Fish
Comprehension Questions

1. Why was the yellow fish angry?


2. What did the yellow fish do in the tank?


3. How did the yellow fish feel about the orange fish at the end?


I Want to Be Me

Just the other day, I looked high into the sky.
I watched the clouds as they rolled by.
I wanted to see birds dip and glide.
I wanted to pretend I could take such a ride.
The eagle flew past me and waved with his wing.
A bluebird fluttered by me and started to sing.
I raised my arms, and I flapped them up and down.
Nothing happened, I stayed put on the ground.

A little while ago, I walked into a forest and climbed a tree.
I wanted the squirrels to see me.
They could jump from high to low.
They were too quick to catch, and I was too slow.
I saw the chipmunks playing tag.
When I tried to follow, my branch began to sag.
I wanted to jump to the next tree.
I wanted to follow and be just as free.

I cannot fly in the sky.
Not even if I try.
I cannot jump from tree to tree.
That is just not me.
I can hop, and I can run.
I can do all that for fun.
I just want to be me.
I Want to Be Me
Comprehension Questions

1. What did the author imagine when looking up at the sky?

2. What did the author see in the forest?

3. What did the author want at the end of the poem?
Cory the Frog

There once was a frog named Cory.
He loved to tell a good story.
He told of adventures, dragons, and kings.
He spoke of queens and magic rings.
Everyone listened without a cry.
They had no idea Cory only spoke lies.
All his stories were made up in his head.
Tales of ghosts and goblins were lies that he spread.

Cory only wanted friends of his own.
He was tired of being all alone.
The birds never flew away.
The rodents always wanted to stay.
The beasts of the land wanted to hear his tales.
The fish folk listened, even the whales.
Cory was befriended by all the creatures in the land.
He had them eating right out of his hand.

Then one day Cory was caught in his lie.
When he tried to explain, he started to cry.
He said he was a liar, a fraud and a fake.
He had only wanted everyone to think he was great.
The animals came from near and far.
They said to Cory, "We like you just as you are."
That was the end of the lies Cory told.
He understood that honesty was as good as gold.

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Cory the Frog
Comprehension Questions

1. What kind of stories did Cory tell?

2. What did Cory want?

3. What did Cory learn at the end of the poem?
My Friends at the Zoo

The zoo was full of animals to see.  
Tigers, bears, and chimpanzees.  
The sun was shining, it was a nice day.  
Where should I go first? With whom should I play?  

The peacock walked with his head held high.  
The wolf’s howl was a sad cry.  
Birds of prey flew over my head.  
The lions did not leave their bed.  

I liked the gorillas and the way they walked.  
I liked the parrots and the way they talked.  
The seals put on a friendly show.  
The monkeys played with their toes.  

I watched the elephants take a bath.  
I heard the hyena’s high-pitched laugh.  
There was a snake as long as a house.  
There was an owl as small as a mouse.  

The animals at the zoo make me smile.  
Like the ostrich who ran more than a mile.  
I’ll miss my new friends at the zoo.  
Next time you’ll have to visit too.
My Friends at the Zoo
Comprehension Questions

1. What did the author go see first?

2. What did the author like about the gorillas?

3. How does the author feel about the zoo?
The sun was getting ready to set, and the animals had come out of their homes. The water hole was the busiest place in the land. All the different animals came to visit. They met with old friends. They made new friends. They took time for a long, cold drink. The elephant family was excited to show off their new son. It was his first time visiting the water hole. He was a little shy at first. The giraffes towered over him. The antelope crowded him. The hippos terrified him. The baby elephant squeezed past the gazelles. He pushed through a flock of birds. He crawled around the hyenas. At last, he was at the water hole. He dipped his trunk into the water. Before he could take a drink, he heard a loud noise. The animals started to run away. When the baby elephant looked up, he saw a herd of zebra running right toward him. Before he could cry out, a strong trunk lifted him from the ground. His mom carried him to safety. The day at the water hole was very exciting.
The Water Hole
Comprehension Questions

1. What happened at the water hole?

2. What kind of animals visited the water hole?

3. Why did the animals run away?
A Fun Day

The little black dog ran down the street. He was looking for his friends. He was bored and had nothing to do. He looked under the bridge, but all he found was a ball. The little black dog picked the ball up. He rolled and bounced it over the bridge. The little black dog looked behind the deli, but all he found was leftover sandwiches. He ate all he could and then bounced his ball down to the river. He looked in the water, but all he found were ducks. He splashed and played with them. Then he went home. He did not find his friends. He was sad. He told his mother about not finding his friends under the bridge. He told her about not finding his friends behind the deli. He told her about not finding his friends at the river. When he was finished telling all about his day, he smiled. He did not find his friends, but he had fun.
A Fun Day
Comprehension Questions

1. Why did the dog run down the street?

2. What did the dog find to play with?

3. What did the dog learn at the end of the story?
The Boy in the Forest

Once upon a time in a land far away lived a little boy. This was no ordinary boy. His name was Michael. He lived with the elves in the White Forest. Michael had been given to the elves when his parents died at the hands of the evil king. Michael grew up learning all the ways of the elves. He knew how to make good choices. He knew how to care for the animals. He knew how to be fair and wise. When Michael was old enough, the elves told him where he had come from. The kingdom needed him to fight the evil king. He needed to save the people. Michael was afraid. He ran away from the elves. He hid in the shadow of the great oak tree. While he was there, he saw an ant struggling to free itself from the web of a spider. With gentle hands, he plucked the ant from the web. He sent him on his way. Michael was no longer afraid. He knew what he had to do. Those who were strong needed to help the weak.
The Boy in the Forest
Comprehension Questions

1. Where did Michael live?

2. What did Michael learn how to do from the elves?

3. What did Michael realize he needed to do?
Little Tommy Tucker

Little Tommy Tucker lost his third tooth.
He ran home to tell his sister Ruby Ruth.
Little Tommy Tucker looked up and looked down.
He looked for his missing tooth all around.
He could not find it in the shed.
He did not find it under his bed.
He looked in the trash can and moved things around.
His poor lost tooth could not be found.
Little Tommy Tucker cried when he couldn’t find it.
He threw himself on his bed and had a fit.
What would he do without his tooth?
The Fairy would not come, and that was the truth.
He looked in the cupboards and under the stairs.
He looked in the fruit dish under the pears.
And just when he was about to give in,
Little Tommy Tucker started to grin.
He found his lunch pail and looked inside.
When he saw his tooth stuck in the apple, he almost cried.

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Little Tommy Tucker
Comprehension Questions

1. What did Tommy Tucker lose?

2. Where did Tommy Tucker look for the missing item?

3. Where did Tommy Tucker finally find it?
Ryan Ray

There once was a boy named Ryan Ray.
He never had very much to say.
He rode his bike and watched TV.
He liked to run and climb trees.
Then one day when Ryan turned six,
He learned that he liked to fix.
If it was broken, Ryan wanted to see it.
Soon he even had his own repair kit.

He fixed his toys, he fixed his books.
He even fixed the way his hair looked.
His mom was impressed and said,
“There is a wiggly post under your bed.”
His dad watched and waited to see.
Would Ryan be better at fixing than he?
And Ryan was as good as his dad.
If he couldn’t fix it, he got mad.

One day when Ryan turned eight,
He decided to help his mom bake.
He made cookies, cakes, and pies.
He baked bread - white, brown and rye.
Ryan baked all the time.
Then wondered what he’d do when he turned nine.

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Ryan Ray
Comprehension Questions

1. What did Ryan like to do when he turned six?

2. What types of items did Ryan fix?

3. When Ryan turned eight, what did he like to do?
Good Morning

The barn was warm and quiet in the early morning hours. The cat stretched out on her straw bed and looked around. The pigs were snuggled in a heap over by the door. The cow snored on her bed. The sheep slept curled into each other. The old donkey swayed on his feet in his stall. The cat purred and rolled over onto her back. She watched the chickens in their coop. Their feathers ruffled every once in a while. She saw the goat stretched by the back door. She watched the horse’s tail twitch. It was time. The rooster had poked his head up from his bed. Morning was about to begin. The cat meowed and pawed at the straw. One tiny kitten crawled from the bed. Another one followed. Then another, and finally the last kitten wobbled to his feet and looked at his mom.

“Good morning, sweet kittens,” she said.

They all watched the rooster toss back his head and start the day.
Good Morning
Comprehension Questions

1. Describe what the barn was like in the morning.


2. What animals are in the barn?


3. How did the animals know that it was the start of the day?


Listen

Close your eyes and listen. Pay attention and you will hear noises that are too quiet for busy people. Go outside and sit by a tree. What do you hear? There is the knocking of a woodpecker pecking on some wood. There is a rustle in the leaves from a playful squirrel. Can you hear the wind? It blows through the leaves, past your ears. Listen to the creak of the back door. Can you hear the buzzing of the bees? There is a crunch and a munch as a caterpillar eats its way through a leaf. Do you hear the sound of a train in the distance too far away to see? Can you hear the dog rolling over in the shady spot under the tree? There is chirping in the grass. Crickets sing all through the day. Close your eyes and listen. There are things to hear.
Listen

Comprehension Questions

1. What can you do if you close your eyes and pay attention?

2. What are some noises you can hear if you listen?

3. What sounds can you hear coming from animals?
Stars

When you look at the night sky you see many stars. Some of these are really planets. The stars are there in the daytime. You just can’t see them. The stars are farther away than the planets. A star is like the sun. It makes energy. The most important star is the North Star. It is the only star that never changes its position. The North Star used to help sailors find their way back home. People think the brightest star is the North Star. It is not true. The brightest star is one called Sirius. Stars die. They burn out. They need fuel to run, just like a car. When they run out of fuel, they begin to die. They start to shrink. When this happens, it gets really hot. Sometimes a star will explode. An exploding star is called a supernova. Did you know the sun is a star?
Stars
Comprehension Questions

1. What does a star make?

2. How did the North Star help people?

3. What happens when a star runs out of fuel?
Insects

People like to look at insects. People study insects for a job. Do you think that would be a good job? A lot of people love insects. They are small and interesting creatures. Some insects lay hundreds of eggs at a time. That is a big family! Insects live only a short time. Some only live for one day. Not all insects are bugs. Bugs are a special group that have interesting wings. All insects have six legs. Some insects have no wings. Insects carry their bones on the outside of their bodies. Can you imagine if your bones were outside your skin? Insects are important to people. We need insects to live. They do special jobs. Bees help plants grow. Some insects are used in medicine. Maggots help heal wounds. Insects are used for solving crimes as well. Insects are food to the birds, bats, and fish. Without insects, a lot of creatures would go hungry.
Insects Comprehension Questions

1. Why do people love insects?

2. What do all insects have?

3. How are insects important?
The Planet Mars

Mars is called the Red Planet. There is red rock all over it. Mars is bigger than the moon but smaller than the Earth. There is less gravity on Mars. Gravity is the force that keeps us stuck to the ground. There is no oxygen on Mars. That means we could not breathe there. The sky on Mars is not blue. It is a yellow and brown mixture. Mars has two moons! They are not like our moon. They act more like giant rocks. These moons are slowly getting closer to the planet. It is always cold on Mars. Water has been found on Mars. All of it is frozen. It takes two years for Mars to travel around the sun. One Earth year is 365 days. One Mars year is 687 days. Finding Mars in the sky is easy. It is one of the brightest planets. It also has a red color to it.
The Planet Mars
Comprehension Questions

1. Why is Mars called the Red Planet?

2. Why can’t we breathe on Mars?

3. What is the temperature like on Mars?
Feathers

A bird has different kinds of feathers. Each feather does a job. It has a purpose. The shape of the feather is important. The size of the feather is important. Some feathers are tiny. Birds have feathers on their eyelids. These feathers are very small. Some feathers are long. The tail of a peacock has really long feathers. Some feathers help birds fly. Some feathers give the bird its shape. Some birds have lots of feathers because where they live is cold. They need the feathers to keep warm. Some birds lose their feather, only to grow them back again. This is called molting. Birds molt so they always have nice feathers to help them fly. Birds like to preen. This is when they spend time making sure all their feathers are in the right spot. Preening is important. It keeps the birds clean. It oils their feathers. It hooks them back into place.
Feathers
Comprehension Questions

1. What bird might have very long feathers?

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2. Why do birds need feathers?

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3. Why is preening important?

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Bats

Bats only come out at night. This means they are nocturnal. Bats come out when you are getting ready for bed. In the morning, bats are getting ready to sleep for the day. A lot of people are afraid of bats. Maybe they are scared because bats are night creatures. You don’t have to fear bats. They are gentle creatures. They are helpful creatures. Bats are small. They are no bigger than the size of a thumb. Their wings stretch out as far as two hands spread out. The wings are twice the size of its body. The bat’s wings are really its hands! The wings have finger-like bones in them. This helps bats to fly in any pattern. A bat flies like it is swimming. It pushes both wings down and backward. Bats have one baby a year. The babies are called pups. Bats can live up to thirty years!
Bats

Comprehension Questions

1. When do bats come out?

2. Describe what a bat looks like.

3. How long can a bat live?
The Planet Saturn

Saturn is a popular planet. It is the sixth planet from the sun. It has bright rings that circle around it. The word Saturday comes from the word Saturn! It is the second biggest planet. Saturn is a lot like the planet Jupiter. They are both gas planets. That means Saturn has no ground to stand on. Saturn is not close to the sun. It does not get heat from the sun. The center of Saturn gets very hot. There are always storms on Saturn. The winds blow hard and fast. The planet spins quickly. The spinning creates more storms. There are thousands of rings around Saturn. They are very thin. Sometimes you can’t see the rings, even with a telescope. This planet has more than 200 moons! Saturn’s rings also have moons. The moons keep the rings together. One year on Saturn equals 30 years on Earth.
The Planet Saturn
Comprehension Questions

1. What is one popular feature of Saturn?


2. What planet is similar to Saturn?


3. What kind of weather can be found on Saturn?


The Planet Jupiter

Jupiter is the biggest planet. It is big enough for all the other planets to fit inside of it! Jupiter helps take care of Earth. It keeps the comets from hitting Earth. Jupiter pulls in the comets. If Jupiter were not there, Earth would be in danger. Jupiter has no ground. If you tried to stand on it, you would sink right through. It is not made of solid materials. It is made of gases. Jupiter is not close to the sun. It does not get heat from the sun. It has its own heat source. The center of the planet gets very hot. Jupiter is a little bit like the sun. It puts out its own heat. A day on Earth is 24 hours long. A day on Jupiter is only 10 hours long. A year on Jupiter equals 12 years on Earth!
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The Planet Jupiter
Comprehension Questions

1. How big is Jupiter?

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2. How does Jupiter protect Earth?

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3. What is Jupiter made of?

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The Moon

The moon moves around the earth. It looks like a light in the night sky, but the moon is very dark. There is only light coming from it because of the sun. The sun is shining on some part of the moon at all times. Have you ever noticed that the moon changes shape? Sometimes it’s a circle. Sometimes it is a crescent. Sometimes it is a half circle. The different shapes of the moon depend on where the sun is shining. There are no gases on the moon. This means there is no air. We could not breathe on the moon without a spacesuit. There is no rain or wind on the moon. Gravity is a force that keeps us on the ground. If you drop something, it will hit the ground. That is gravity working. The moon has a little bit of gravity. It does not have as much as Earth. If you jump really high on the moon, it would take a while to come back down!

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The Moon
Comprehension Questions

1. Why does the moon seem to change shape?

2. What is the weather like on the moon?

3. What would happen if you jumped really high on the moon?
The Planets Uranus and Neptune

Uranus and Neptune are blue planets. They are made of gas. This means there is no solid ground. Uranus is not like the other planets. The North and South Poles are not up and down like they are supposed to be. The North and South Poles stick out at the sides. It is like Uranus is lying down. Uranus rolls around the sun like a ball. The other planets spin around the sun. Uranus is a cold planet. It is too far from the sun to get warmth.

Neptune is the brightest blue planet. It is beautiful. It is a gas planet like Uranus. Neptune is so cold, it is covered in ice. There are more than ten moons around Neptune. One of the moons travels in the opposite direction of Neptune. It is the only moon that does that. This moon is getting closer to Neptune.
The Planets Uranus and Neptune
Comprehension Questions

1. What color are Uranus and Neptune?

2. How does Uranus move around the sun?

3. How many moons does Neptune have?
The Planet Venus

The hottest planet is Venus. It is the second closest to the sun. There are lots of volcanoes on Venus. The volcanoes spit out melting rock. This is called lava. The lava makes pools all over the surface. When the lava cools off, there are hard rocks left behind. These rocks are very hot. Everything on Venus is hot. Venus has thick clouds around it. These clouds trap in the heat. The clouds are not like the clouds on Earth. The clouds on Venus are dangerous to humans. Venus is right next to Earth. A long time ago, people thought Venus was a twin to the earth. It is almost the same size as the earth. Venus is not always easy to see because it is so close to the sun. When it is visible, it is the brightest thing in the sky. It is called ‘morning star’ or ‘evening star.’

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The Planet Venus
Comprehension Questions

1. What makes Venus so special?
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2. What do the clouds do for Venus?
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3. Why isn’t it easy to see Venus?
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Insect Defense

Do you know why a butterfly flies funny? It is their defense. They don’t fly straight so birds or bats can’t catch them. Insects have a shell on the outside of their body. This is called an exoskeleton. This also helps them to stay alive. They are harder to eat. Some insects blend in to their surroundings. This helps them to not be seen. Some insects taste really bad. Some insects are poisonous. Some insects sting or bite to defend themselves. Hiding is one of the best defenses. You don’t even notice grasshoppers in the grass until they jump away. Walking sticks look so much like a stick, they are hard to recognize. Some insects are bright and colorful. They are not trying to hide. They are warning other creatures not to eat them. Other insects use smell as a defense. No one wants to eat something really stinky.
Insect Defense Comprehension Questions

1. Why don’t butterflies fly in a straight line?

2. What are some ways insects defend themselves?

3. How does being stinky help a bug defend itself?
Ants

Ants are ruled by a queen. A queen is a female ant that was born with wings. Not all ants are born with wings. They live in groups called colonies. The queen mates with a drone ant. After that, the drone dies. The queen searches for a place to build her colony. She will be the mother of every ant in her colony. The queen scrapes off her wings. She starts to build her ant hill. She makes a tunnel and digs out a room for the first eggs. These eggs are the only ones the queen has to care for. Her children will do all of the work. The worker ants are female. They look for food as soon as they are born. The queen stays busy laying more eggs. For the rest of her life, that is all she will do. A queen will live for several years.
Ants

Comprehension Questions

1. What is a group of ants called?

2. What is special about the queen ant?

3. What do worker ants do?
The Planet Mercury

Mercury is the planet closest to the sun. The sun is so hot, it is hard to get close to Mercury. It is hard to know much about this planet. Just because it is close to the sun does not mean Mercury is always hot. At night, the planet gets very cold. It gets colder than the inside of a freezer. Mist, clouds, and gas trap heat, helping planets to stay warm. Mercury does not have mist or clouds. Oxygen is a gas. This gas helps us breathe. Mercury does not have oxygen. If we went to Mercury, we could not survive. The sky on planet Mercury is always dark. Mercury is a small planet. It is smaller than Earth. Mercury is about the same size as the moon. It is a rocky planet. If you stood on Mercury, you would be covered in dust.
The Planet Mercury
Comprehension Questions

1. Why is it so hard to learn about Mercury?

2. Why can’t humans survive on Mercury?

3. What would happen if you stood on Mercury?
Space Rocks

Comets are big rocks. They have ice in them. They have lots of dirt. They look like dirty snowballs. People have seen comets for many years. People who lived long ago wrote about comets when they saw them. Back then, they were afraid of comets. They did not know what comets were. A lot of people thought they meant something bad was going to happen. We know that is not true! When a comet gets closer to the sun, it starts to heat up. This leaves a steamy cloud behind it. That is why a comet looks like a smudge in the sky. Dust trails after a comet. When the earth gets close to a comet, the dust catches on fire. When we see this, we call them shooting stars. When there are a lot of shooting stars, we call it a meteor shower. A comet orbits in space. This means it travels around on the same path.
Space Rocks
Comprehension Questions

1. What does a comet look like?

2. What happens when a comet gets close to the sun?

3. What do we call a comet that catches on fire?
Nests

Did you know that a nest is not a bird’s home? A nest is where the bird lays eggs. A nest is where the baby birds grow. Once a bird can fly, it leaves the nest. Once a bird can eat on its own, the parents leave the nest. Most birds find holes to sleep in. Some find thick branches close to the ground. Some birds will find the same nest they used before. Some will build a new one. Nesting season begins in the spring. Birds like to find soft things to use for their nest. Some will pick up hair. Some will pick up dryer lint. Some will use cobwebs. The nests are held together with mud and cobwebs. Sometimes birds will use strange things for their nests. Some like shiny materials. Money has been found in nests. Buttons and tinfoil have also been found. Some birds decorate their nests with pieces of glass and flowers.
Nests
Comprehension Questions

1. What are some things that a nest is used for?

2. When does nesting season begin?

3. What are some things a bird can use to make a nest?