

# UNIVERSE OF LEARNING Virtual Programs

## Recommended Books: Our Star the Sun

Blackford, Harriet. **Where Does the Sun Go?** (2019)

STEM fun for smart tots! Meet Mia, Ava, Oli, and Seb: they're the four engaging characters created by Harriet Blackford to introduce very young children to STEM concepts. This simple story, enhanced by Mike Henson's humorous illustrations and fun-to-do experiments, makes a fascinating subject come alive for preschoolers. Why is it light during the day and dark at night? Kids can find out, and learn all about how our Earth revolves round the sun. (J EASY QB 2 BLA)

Crane, Cody. **The Sun.** (2018)

Introduces the reader to the sun. (J EASY QB 2 CRA)

Fraknoi, Andrew. **When the Sun goes Dark.** (2017)

The book tells how two curious children and their grandparents re-create eclipses in their living room using a lamp, a tennis ball, two Hula Hoops, and Ping-Pong balls. Later, in the backyard and around the house, the family explores safe ways to view a solar eclipse and ponders phenomena from sunspots to phases of the Moon. Written by the authors of NSTA's award-winning book *Solar Science*, *When the Sun Goes Dark* gives children and adult's hands on techniques for learning the science behind eclipses of the Sun and Moon.

(J NON FICTION QB FRA)

Hunter, Nick. **The Sun** (2013)

What is the Sun like, and could we ever visit there? Taking the form of an imaginary trip, this book explores the science and history of the Sun, looking at recent studies and possibilities for the future.

(J NON FICTION QB 2 HUN)

Jackson, Tom. **Space Atlas: a Journey from Earth to the Stars, and Beyond.** (2018)

Blast off on an incredible journey through the Universe! Touch down on every planet in our solar system, then buckle up as you swing past our nearest stars and journey beyond to distant galaxies, mysterious nebulas, and powerful quasars. How many stars are in the Milky Way? Is there an alien life on any exoplanets? What makes a black hole? Discover the answers and more as you journey from Earth, to the stars, and beyond.

(J NON FICTION QB 2 JAC)

McAnulty, Stacy. **Sun! One in a Billion.** (2018)

Meet Sun: He's a star! And not just any star, he's one in a billion. He lights up our solar system and makes life possible. With characteristic humor and charm, Stacy McAnulty channels the voice of Sun in this next celestial "autobiography." Rich with kid-friendly facts and beautifully illustrated, this is an equally charming and irresistible companion to Earth! My First 4.54 Billion Years. (J EASY 2 MCA)

McMullen, Gemma. **The Sun.** (2016)

This series explores the four key elements of our Solar System: The Sun, The Moon, The Planets and The Stars. With each title including fascinating facts and photographic images, young readers will enjoy discovering what lies in the darkness beyond. (J EASY QB 2 MCM)

Rogers, Kate. **Exploring the Sun.** (2017)

The Sun is the closest star to Earth. Not only does it give us warmth and light, its light becomes food for plants, helping them grow. Readers discover this and other fun facts about the center of our solar system through accessible text. What does the Sun look like up close? Readers find out with the help of diagrams and full-color photographs in this engaging volume, which enhances current science curriculum requirements. (J EASY QB 2 ROG)

Seluk, Nick. **The Sun is Kind of a Big Deal.** (2018)

The Sun never stops working to keep things on Earth running smoothly. (That's why it's been Employee of the Month for 4.5 billion years.) So why does the Sun get to be center of attention? Because it's our solar system's very own star! This funny and factual picture book from Awkward Yeti creator Nick Seluk explains every part of the Sun's big job: keeping our solar system together, giving Earth day and night, keeping us warm, and more. In fact, the Sun does so much for us that we wouldn't be alive without it. That's kind of a big deal. Each spread features bite-sized text and comic-style art with sidebars sprinkled throughout. Anthropomorphized planets (and Pluto) chime in with commentary as readers learn about the Sun. (J EASY QB 2 SEL)

Taylor-Butler, Christine. **The Sun.** (2014)

Presents information about the Sun, discussing its physical characteristics, orbit, natural satellites, and the technology used to study it. (J EASY QB 2 TAY)



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