



A BFI Education Essentials Resource

Parental guide with key questions, discussion points, and activities for films on BFI Player (KS2)

Peter and the Moon Man (1929)

This resource is designed for pupils at KS2 to accompany films on BFI Player. The questions and activities will work on their own or as a sequence. The activities are designed to work across KS2 but some activities may be too challenging for lower KS2; pupils should access the work at their own level/pace.

This film material has been carefully selected for a KS2 audience. Some of the films on BFI Player are unsuitable for this age group so supervision is advised.

Peter and the Moon Man (1929) 14 mins

<https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-peter-and-the-moon-man-1929-online>

Before you watch the film:

- What do you think this film will be about?
- What type/genre of film do you think this will be? What clues are there?

Pause the film at 00:30:

- When do you think this film is set? What can we see and hear (or not hear) that gives gives us some clues?
- What do you think the 'speck in the sky' is?

Activity: Imagine you are Peter and you see something in the sky. Write a short description of what you have seen.

- Can you see the thing clearly? What colour is it? What shape is it? Have you ever seen anything like it before? What do you think it could be? How do you feel about it?
- Try to improve your use of adjectives: can you change your choice of adjectives to include more impactful language? Or even a metaphor/simile?

Pause the film at 01:50:

- If someone arrived in your back garden and said they had fallen down from the moon, what would you do?

Activity: Mr Moon lives on the moon. What does his house look like?

- Design a house for Mr Moon to live in on the moon. What shape would it be?
How big is the house?
- Now draw and label some of the key features that it would need to allow him to live on the moon.

Pause the film at 03:50:

- How can you tell that this film was made in 1929? Think about the costumes, the style of the film (it is black and white, low quality, no sound) and the storyline.
- Can you list things that use electricity? What would the alternative to electricity be in 1929?
- What do you think will happen next?

Pause the film at 07:15:

- Why do you think Mr Moon is so amazed by the food and the idea of keeping clean?
- What do you think Mr Moon eats on the moon?

Activity: Imagine you are Mr Moon and you are making notes about keeping clean.

Write yourself a guide about how to keep clean to take back to the moon with you.

- Write step-by-step instructions for how to keep clean. What key equipment do you need? What common mistakes do you think you might make if you've never washed before?

Pause the film at 08:30:

- What would you put into a gift box for Mr Moon to take back with him?
- How do you think Mr Moon will celebrate being clean?

Activity: Draw Mr Moon's suitcase. What things will he want to take back to the moon with him?

- Draw 5 items that Mr Moon can take back to the moon with him. Why would you choose each item?

At the end of the film:

- Did you enjoy this film? What did you find interesting about it?
- How do you think an audience in 1927 would have reacted to this film?
- What was puzzling about this film?

Activity: This film has 'inter-titles' in between each scene which tell us what is happening and what is being said. Make some inter-titles on paper to use; can you have a conversation with someone just using inter-titles?

Activity: Create a short animation to show Mr Moon's journey back to the moon. (Use the BFI animation resource to help). How does he fly? What challenges does he face along the way? Does he meet anyone on his adventure?

Activity: Create a music soundtrack for part of/all of the story. How will you create the sound effects? What music will you choose to create the right atmosphere? Will the music change in each scene?

You might also enjoy:

Trip to the Moon: <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-a-trip-to-the-moon-1902-online>

Mr Moon: <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-mr-moon-1901-1901-online>