

Thank You Space Power Cubes

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Learning Intentions

I can think of someone I am thankful for at school:

This promotes empathy, connection, and appreciation of others.

I can make a small gift or drawing to say thank you:

This builds creativity, generosity, and thoughtful communication.

I can share my Space Token kindly with someone:

This nurtures confidence, kindness, and gratitude in action.



Success Criteria

I can choose someone at school I'd like to thank:

This develops social awareness and personal reflection.

I can make a Space Token or drawing to give away:

This supports creative expression and giving.

I can give my token with kind words or a smile:

This builds emotional confidence and strengthens relationships.



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Objective:

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Players:

Ideal for 4–26 students working individually.

Materials:

- Blank cube template (provided for you in the PDF resource section)
- Coloured pencils
- Optional: glitter, stickers, string, ribbon
- Glue sticks and scissors for putting the cube together.

Time Required:

10–15 minutes

Setup:

Start by reading the Saturn page from *The Playful Astronauts*. Ask students:

- “Who helps you feel happy or safe at school?”
- “Who has done something kind for you recently?”
- “How can we show someone we’re thankful?”

Explain that students will be making a “Space Power Cube” to say thank you to someone special at school. This could be a teacher, friend, classmate, helper, or anyone who makes their day brighter.

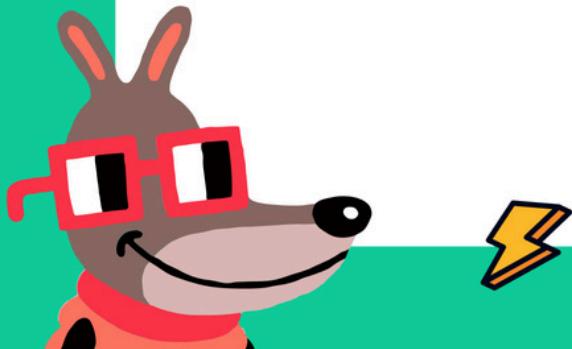
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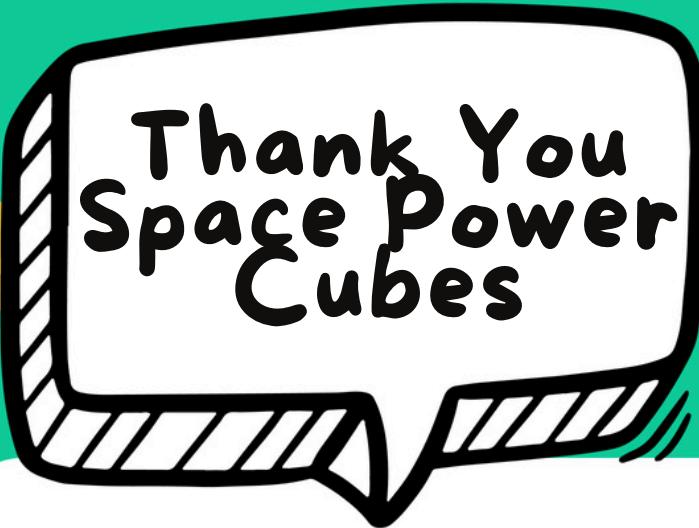
Step 1 – Create the Space Power Cube:

Provide each student with a blank cube template. Invite them to:

- Draw a picture on each side of the cube (e.g. a star, smiley face, or something meaningful). Each side should have a different reason or theme as to why they are thankful towards that person.
- Add words like “Thank you”, “You are kind”, or their own name
- Decorate the cube with colour and care

Encourage students to think carefully about who will receive their gift and why.





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Step 2 - Cut out and glue the cube together.

Step 3 – Giving the Cube as a gift:

Once complete, guide students through giving their Space Power Cube. They might say:

- “I made this for you because you help me.”
- “Thank you for being my friend.”
- Or simply offer it with a smile and eye contact

Support shy students or allow cubes to be placed on desks or given at home time if preferred.



Winning the Game:

There is no winner. The value lies in the act of giving and the joy of seeing someone smile. Saturn teaches us that gratitude shared creates beautiful, lasting rings of connection.



Additional Notes:

“Thank You Space Power Cubes” empowers students to show appreciation in a way that feels special and memorable. By combining creativity, thoughtfulness, and giving, children learn that gratitude is not just a feeling. It’s something we can share, give, and carry into the world around us, just like the enduring rings of Saturn.



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SPACE POWER CUBE

INSTRUCTION: PRINT THE BLANK CUBE TEMPLATE ON PAPER OR LIGHT CARDSTOCK. CUT IT OUT, THEN FOLD AND GLUE IT TO FORM A 3D CUBE.

