

Beavers Space Badge

Find Out About A Current Space Mission

Maven Mission®

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Overview

The children will learn about a recent mission and then perform a little activity about that mission.

Preparation before the meeting

1. Print out the Maven Mission activity handout. You need one for each child there are two on the page

Materials Needed

- Pen/Pencil
- Colouring pencils or felts

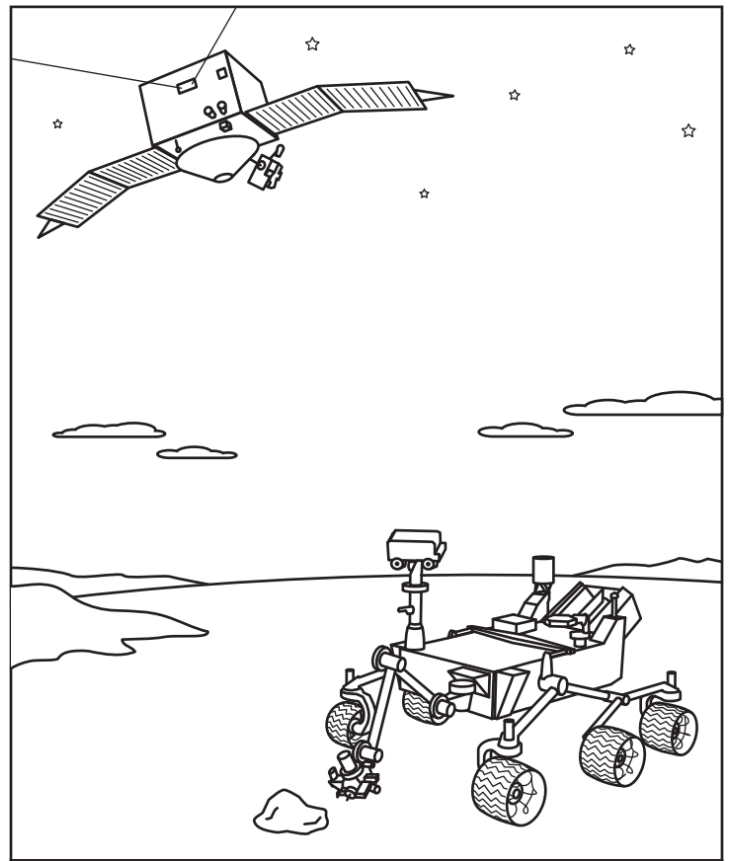
Activity One - Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - The last task we need to complete for our Space badge is to know about a recent Space Mission
2. **Speak** - There have been many missions into space. One recent one is called the 'Mars Maven Mission' this spacecraft left earth in November 2013 and arrived at Mars in September 2014. It was sent to Mars to help scientists to try to understand the current and past climate conditions on Mars.
3. **Direction** – Hand out the handout
4. **Speak** - This picture shows two robots the one floating around mars is called 'Maven' and will collect the information for the scientist about the climate.
5. **Speak** - The other one is called 'Curiosity' and is a six-wheeled nuclear-powered rover. This has been exploring the Mars dirt since Aug 2012
6. **Speak** - Okay I want you to answer the questions on this handout and when you have finished you can colour in the picture. Discuss with each other if you are not sure of the answers

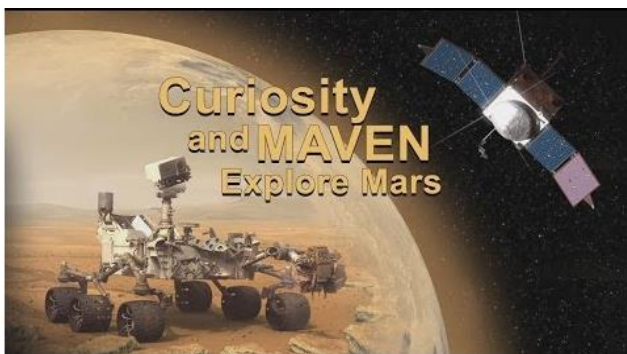
Colour The Picture And Answer The Questions



What year did Curiosity land on Mars?	20 _ _
How many wheels does Curiosity have?	
What is Curiosity exploring?	
What year did Maven leave Earth?	20 _ _
What year did Maven start to orbit Mars?	20 _ _
What is Maven exploring?	
Does Maven ride alongside Curiosity or does he stay in the sky?	



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