Flying Saucers
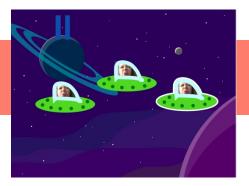
Activity Structure – 45min

#	Activity	Timing
1.	Introduce project	5 mins
2.	Add backround	5 mins
3.	Draw flying saucer and add 3 of them	10 mins
4.	Record sound clips	8 mins
5.	Animate project	12 mins
6.	Debug & Demo	5 mins

Step by Step

1. In a new project, choose a space background from the library. Ideally the Planets background.

2. Delete the cat, and add a new character that you draw (tap paintbrush tool at top). Use circle tool to draw a horizontal oval for the base, fill in and add dots using the circle tool as a stamp. Use freehand drawing tool to draw roof, then camera tool to insert child's face.

3. Add two more characters, selecting the same flying saucer you have drawn. Arrange them.

4. Code the flying saucers to bob up and down. Code just one, then drag the sequence by

Overview

Continuing the space theme, this is quite an ambitious project using multiple characters and sets of different coloured MESSAGE blocks to trigger the flying saucers to "fly away" in sequence.

Younger children can simplify by using WAIT blocks instead of MESSAGE blocks to trigger the flying away. Or they can just draw one flying saucer and sing the whole song in one sound clip. They can add aliens and rockets for interest, or the spinning Earth extension code sheet.
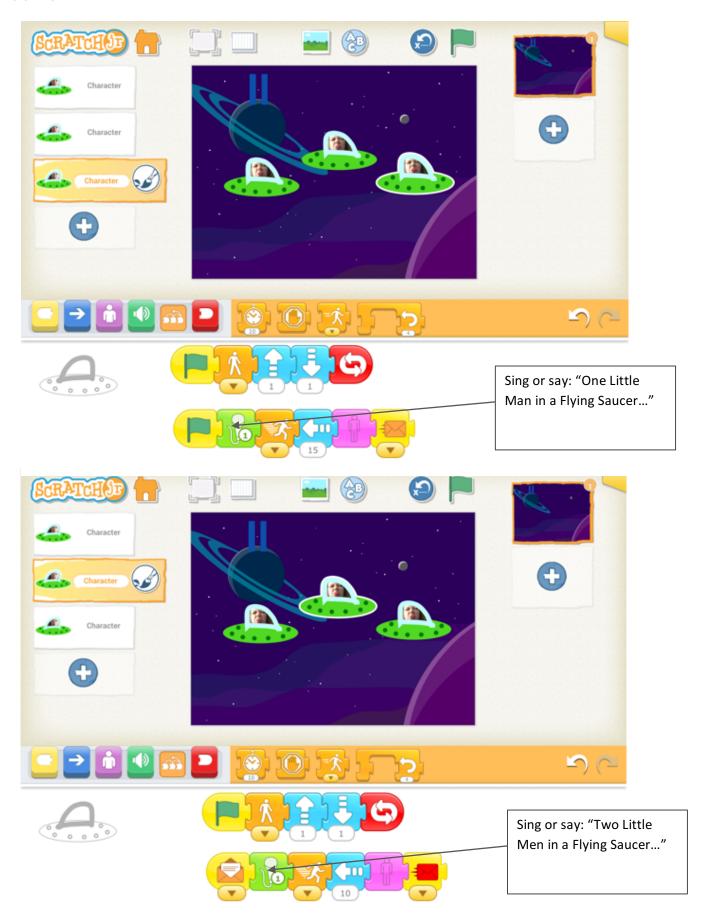
NB We can code just one character, then drag the sequence on to the other 2 characters to copy it across to them. Hold down on the GREEN FLAG block at the start of the sequence and drag it over to the other saucers in the character list on the left.

5. Record 3 sound clips: one clip for each flying saucer. Verse 1 which begins "3 Little Men…" goes with the bottom flying saucer in the list, "2 Little Men" goes with the middle one, "1 Little Man" goes with top one

6. Code the rest of the sequences so the saucers fly off. Pay attention to colour of MESSAGE block pairs.
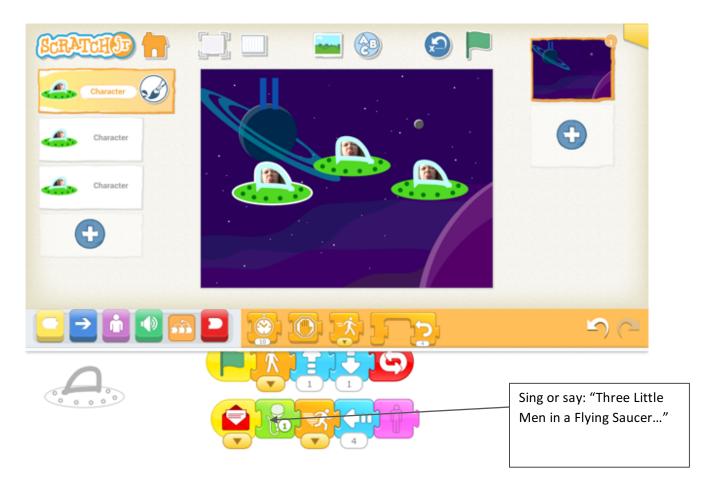
7. If time, code the shooting star and/or alien.

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Code Sheets

FLYING SAUCERS

Sing or say: "One Little Man in a Flying Saucer…"

Sing or say: "Two Little Men in a Flying Saucer…"

Code Sheets

Sing or say: "Three Little Men in a Flying Saucer…"

SPINNING EARTH (EXTENSION):