

# WEATHER LESSON PLAN

## **Learning Objective**

- Understand the purpose of Range Safety at SaxaVord Spaceport
   Students will learn how the Range Team protects people, animals, and property during rocket launches.
- 2. **Explore how weather, airspace, and seaspace are monitored before launch**Students will discover how launch decisions are made based on safety conditions.

#### Resources

- Fredo's Space Adventures Episode 2: Weather
- Mission Patch Booklet (one per student)
- Printable Weather Mission Patch (one per student)
- Materials for the weather vane activity
  - Piece of cardboard
  - Pencil with rubber on the end
  - A straw
  - o A pin
  - Small lump of clay or Blu-Tak
- Materials for rain monitoring activity
  - Clear Cup
  - Ruler

## Introduction

- Begin with a class discussion about space and the space industry. Ask students:
  - o What do you think a rocket needs before it can launch?
  - O Who makes sure it's safe to launch?
  - Why might wind, waves, or clouds be a problem?

## Input and Activity

- Step 1: Watch the Video
  - Play Fredo's Space Adventures Episode 3: Weather?
  - Pause the video at **3:10** and explain the upcoming activity.
- Step 2: Pause the Video
  - o Ensure that all children have the resources that Fredo lists for the activity.

### • Step 3: Resume the Video

• Resume the video and follow along as Fredo guides the class. You may want to head outside after this and try out your new equipment!

# **Plenary**

- Support students in sharing their findings and reinforcing key takeaways.
- Once you have completed session distribute appropriate mission patch and get students to stick these into their Mission Patch Booklets.