Introduction
Encouraging students to consider their place in the universe and express this through collage images.

Workshop plan
Our place in the universe presentation (1 hr)
Presentation on the Sun and space: scale, gravity, light spectrum, eclipses and the aurora, with images and videos (40 min). Questions and discussion with children (10 min).

Art workshop (1 hr)
Ask the children to write on post-it notes: how they might communicate their place in the universe (5 min), e.g. Earth in the Solar System, Sun as one of many stars, what the Earth looks like from space. Ask for volunteers to share their ideas and discuss this as a group (10 min).

Show example images of colour paper collages. Each student makes a colour paper collage to express his or her place in the universe (45 min). Made by ripping, cutting and sticking paper, as well as drawing with colour pastels. Add student names and artwork titles. Tidy up (5 min).

Show and tell (15 min)
Display artworks on a table and ask the children to carefully look at them without touching, as if in an art gallery (5 min). Ask a volunteer to talk about another student’s work that they find inspiring. Then ask the student how they made the work (10 min). Ask the children to write feedback (on post-it notes or forms) of what they have learnt and how they might explore this further (3 min).
Colour paper collages: Example works by students

Variety of works.

Scale of planets, the Sun and another star.

The Earth, aurora and Moon.