



Topic: Space Year 5

Recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes.

Recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object.

What I should already know

Neil Armstrong – first man on the moon

Year 2 topic on Space

The Sun is the only star in our Solar System. As Earth orbits the Sun, the Moon also orbits Earth.

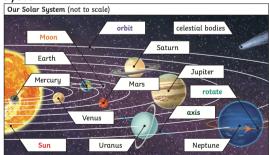
Key Facts - Earth, Sun and Moon



Nowadays, we know that the Earth, Sun and Moon are approximately **spherical** (circular) bodies. It takes around **365 days** to complete its orbit around the Sun. The Moon orbits the Earth around once every 27 days

Key Facts – The Solar system

In space, planet Earth - the planet inhabited (lived in) by humans - alongside other planets, stars, moons, asteroids and other objects form our Solar System.



Inside the Solar System, Earth and seven other planets (as well as the dwarf planet Pluto) orbit (travel round) the Sun due to its gravitational pull.

Key Facts – Why do we have night and day?

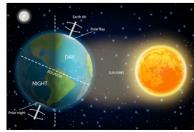
As the Earth orbits the Sun, it rotates, meaning half of the Earth is facing the Sun whilst the other half is facing away. The part of the Earth facing the Sun will experience day and the part facing away will experience night.

It takes 24 hours for the Earth to rotate on its axis.

It's not the Sun's movement, but the Earth's that makes the Sun appear to rise in the morning from the east and set in the evening in the west.

Because different parts of the world experience day and night at different times, there are different time zones for

different places e.g. when it's 3:15pm in Leeds, it's 10:15am in New York. Sometimes there are different time zones in the same country.



Earth	The planet on which we
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	live
Planets (Mercury, Venus,	A planet is a large object
Mars, Jupiter, Saturn,	in space that moves
Uranus, Neptune)	around a star.
Sun	The Sun lies at the heart
	of the solar system,
	where it is by far the
	largest object. The Sun is
	a hot ball of glowing
	gases.
Solar system	The solar system is made
	up of the sun and all the
	planets that go around it,
	alongside moons, comets
	and asteroids.
Moon	A natural satellite of any
	planet or asteroid.
Orbit	An orbit is a regular,
	repeating path that one
	object in space takes
	around another one.
Gravity	Gravity is the force by
-	which a planet, star or
	other body draws objects
	toward its centre.
Asteroid	A small rocky body
	orbiting the sun.

Vocabulary