


Space

Vocabulary	Definition
Orbit	The curved path of an object around a star
Rotation	To turn or spin
Axis	An imaginary line on which something rotates
Satellite	Any celestial body orbiting around a planet or star
Gravity	The force which pulls objects with mass towards each other (pulls everything towards the centre of a planet)
Universe	All existing matter that we know of- created by the big bang
Celestial body	An object in space
Galaxy	A huge collection of gas, dust, stars and solar systems
Solar system	A collection of planets orbiting a star

The Moon

<p><u>Facts:</u></p> <p>The moon is an object which orbits the Earth.</p> <p>The moon controls the tides on Earth.</p> <p>The moon is covered in dust and craters.</p>	<p><u>The moon landing</u></p> <p>In 1969, NASA won the 'space race' by sending 3 astronauts on a mission to the moon: Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins.</p>	 <p><u>Phases of the moon</u></p> <p>As the moon orbits the Earth, and rotates the sun lights up different parts of it.</p> <p>The moon then appears to us as different shapes.</p>
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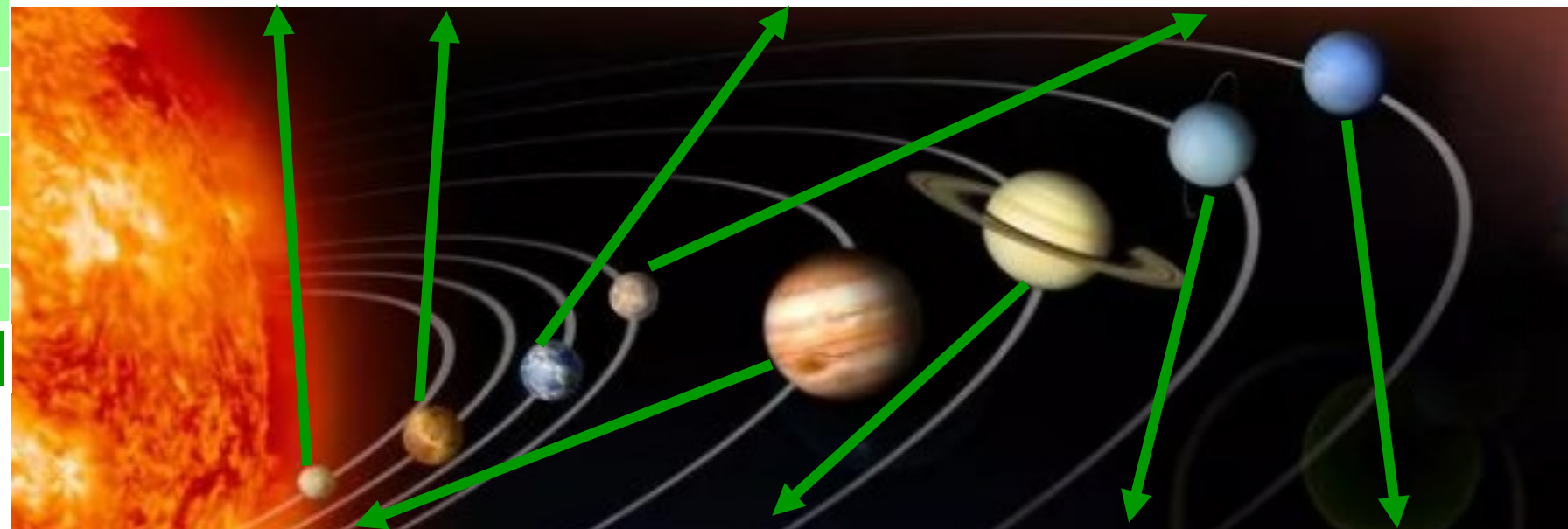
The Sun

<p><u>Facts:</u></p> <p>The sun is a star.</p> <p>The sun is the centre of our solar system.</p> <p>8 planets orbit our sun.</p>	<p><u>Our orbit around the sun</u></p> <p>The Earth rotates, so we see the sun from different positions throughout the day. This takes 24 hours.</p> <p>The Earth orbits This takes 1/4 days.</p> <p>The Earth rotates on axis as it orbits the sun, which causes seasons.</p>
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TERRESTRIAL PLANETS – Made mostly of rock

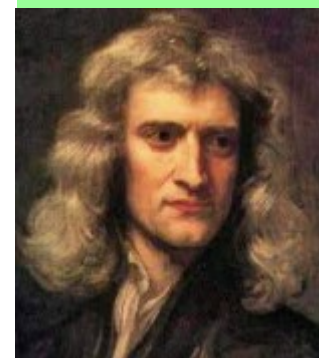
Mercury	Venus	Earth	Mars
The smallest planet Atmosphere: Thin Day length: 58 earth days.	Similar size to Earth Atmosphere: Hot Moons: 0	Covered in water Distance from sun: 150 million km Moons: 1	Known as the red planet Day length: similar to Earth Moons: 2



Largest planet Moons: 79 Day length: 9 hours Year length: 12 years	Made of hydrogen and helium Has visible rings Moons: 82	Ice giant Temperature: -224°C Moons: 27 Year length: 84 years	Supersonic wind speeds Temperature: -210°C Scientists say that it rains diamonds
Jupiter	Saturn	Uranus	Neptune

JOVIAN PLANETS – Made mostly of gas

IMPORTANT SCIENTISTS



Sir Isaac Newton

Newton discovered gravity! He found that this pulling force was the reason why the moon stayed in our orbit!



Galileo Galilei

Galileo observed the skies with his telescope. He discovered that the planets orbit the sun!

He also found that the moon had craters and mountains and the sun was covered in dark spots!