

UKS2 Science Knowledge Organiser Worlds of Wonder

Key Knowledge and Skills		Key Vocabulary	
The Earth	The Solar System	Word	Definition
 The Earth, Sun and Moon are spherical (approximately). The Earth rotates on its axis, which stands on a 23.5° angle. The sun's rays hit the side of the Earth which faces the sun. This causes day and night. It takes the Earth 24 hours to make one complete rotation on its axis. 	 The Sun is a hot ball of gas which is classified as a star. The Sun is placed at the centre of our solar system and makes life possible on Earth. Planets are celestial objects that orbit a star like our solar system's Sun. Our solar system is currently believed to include eight planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. In 2006 Pluto was reclassified as a 'dwarf planet'. 	light	the natural agent that stimulates sight and makes things visible.
		light source	something that provides light, whether it be a natural or artificial source o light (e.g. the sun, a torch).
		moon	a natural object which orbits a planet and reflects light.
		opaque	an object which does not allow light to pass through (e.g. wood).
		orbit	a repeating path which one object takes around another.
		planet	a celestial body which orbits a star.
The Earth orbits the Sun. One revolution takes 365 days a year).	Light • Light is a form of energy which allows us to see things. We can	reflection	the throwing back by a body or surface of light, heat or sound without absorbing it.
 The Moon The Moon is a celestial body which orbits the Earth. One orbit takes approximately a month (almost 28 days). We only see the part of the Moon that is lit by the sun which is why it appears to be different shapes at different times of the month. There are 10 phases of the Moon. Image: The moon is described as waxing as it gets larger from new moon to full moon. As the moon gets smaller from full moon to new moon it is described as waning. There is no life on the Moon because it has no atmosphere (no air or weather). 	 see things because light is reflected. Light travels very quickly, in waves and in straight lines. Light behaves differently depending on what it comes in to contact with: Opaque - objects reflect all light and make clear dark shadows. Transparent - objects allow light to pass through and so do not create much shadow. Translucent - objects scatter light and can create faint shadows. Light normally travels in straight lines (rays) but when passing through transparent materials such as water and glass, light bends or turns - known as refraction. This is because different materials have different qualities and cause the wavelength of light to change. Skills Taking accurate measurements, using a range of scientific equipment, checking with repeat readings. 	refraction	the bending of light as it passes from one substance to another with the bending caused by the difference in density between two substances.
		revolve	to move in a circle orbit.
		rotate	to turn around on one point, also known as an axis.
		satellite	a celestial body or artificial object orbiting a planet or moon.
		shadow	a dark area or shape produced by an opaque object.
		solar system	planets and their moons which orbit the Sun.
		star	a large glowing ball of gas.
		translucent	an object which allows some light to pass through it. It may be possible to see some unclear images through the object (tissue paper).
		transparent	an object which allows light to pass through it so that objects behind it co be easily seen (glass).

Focus Scientists

Aristotle

Aristotle was a very famous philosopher and scientist (384 B.C. - 322 B.C). He declared that the Earth was a sphere based on observations he made.

Nicolas Copernicus

Nicolas Copernicus was a Polish astronomer (1473 - 1543). He proposed that the Earth and other planets revolve around the Sun -The Heliocentric Theory.

Galileo

Galileo was a professor of Mathematics (1564 - 1642). He invented the optical telescope and became the first person to observe celestial objects.

Major Tim Peake

Tim Peake is the eight British person to go into space and the first British astronaut to walk in space. In 2016, he spent 6 months on the ISS.