

Goonhavern Primary School- Science

TOPIC: Earth and Space




YEAR: 5

STRAND: Physics

What should I know already?	What will I know by the end of the unit?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have four seasons (autumn, winter, spring and summer). • The Sun is a source of light but the Moon is not. Know that a shadow is caused when an object blocks light from passing through it. • The properties of a sphere. 	What causes day and night?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Earth rotates on its axis anti-clockwise and makes a complete rotation over 24 hours (a day). • This makes it appear as the Sun moves through the sky but the Earth's rotation causes day and night. • Different parts of the Earth experience daylight at different times - this means that it is morning, afternoon and night in different places. This is also the reason why we have time zones. • Because of the Earth's tilt, the poles experience 24 hours of sunlight in the summer, and very few hours of sunlight in the winter. • As the Earth rotates, shadows that are formed change in size and orientation.
	Year length and seasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Earth takes 365 and a quarter days to orbit the Sun. • Because of the extra quarter day it takes to orbit the Sun, every four years on Earth is a leap year! • It is the Earth's tilt that causes the seasons.
	The moon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Moon orbits the Earth anticlockwise and takes approximately 28 days. • The Moon spins once on its axis every time it orbits Earth. This means that we only see one side of the Moon. • The Moon has different phases depending on where it is in its orbit. • The Moon's gravity causes high and low tides.
	What is the solar system?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 8 planets in our Solar System (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune). Pluto is a dwarf planet. • They all orbit the Sun, which is a star, and they all have moons. • The first four planets are relatively small and rocky, while the four outer planets are gas giants (Jupiter and Saturn) or ice giants (Uranus and Neptune). • There are also asteroids, meteoroids and comets in the Solar System.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Solar System is in a galaxy called the Milky Way. • The galaxy is in the universe.
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Vocabulary	
Asteroid	A rock that orbits the sun in a belt between Mars and Jupiter.
Axis	An imaginary line through the middle of something.
Comet	A bright object with a long tail that travels around the sun.
Galaxy	An extremely large group of stars and planets.
Gravity	The force which causes things to drop to the floor.
Leap year	A year which has 366 days.
Meteorite	A rock from outer space that has landed on the earth.
Orbit	The curved path in space that is followed by an object going round and round a planet, moon, or star.
Planet	A large, round object in space that moves around a star.
Shadow	A dark shape on a surface that is made when something stands between a light and the surface.
Solar system	The sun and all the planets that go round it.
Time zones	One of the areas into which the world is divided where the time is calculated as being a particular number of hours behind or ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).
Universe	The whole of space and all the stars, planets, and other forms of matter and energy in it.

Image/diagram that helps me to articulate my knowledge/understanding	Investigate!
 <p>The Sun, Earth and Moon are approximately spherical.</p> <p>The Earth orbits the Sun.</p> <p>The Moon orbits Earth.</p>  <p>When the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, the shadow cast by the Moon falls on the Earth's surface and we would no longer be able to see the Sun. This is called a solar eclipse.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare the time of day at different places on Earth. • Construct shadow clocks and sundials. • Keep a Moon diary over the course of a month - what do you notice?

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Q2	Start of Unit	End of Unit	Q4	Start of Unit	End of Unit

