Highgate Community Primary School – Year 5 Earth and Space

Vocabulary

Orbit	The path of a celestial body
Rotation	To turn or spin
Solar System	A star and everything that travels around it
Planet	A celestial body that revolves around the Sun
Cosmic	Related to space
Sun	The star at the centre of a solar system
Lunar	Relating to the Moon
Universe	Everything that exists anywhere
Spherical	Shaped like a sphere
Satellite Any	Celestial body orbiting around a planet or star
Celestial Body	An object in space







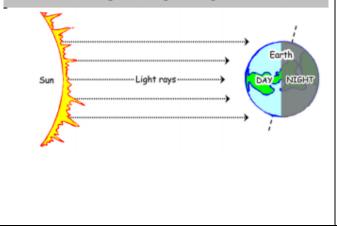
New Moon Waxing First Quarter Waxing Gibbous Full Moon Waning Gibbous Last Quarter Waning Crescent

Key Facts

Know the shape of the Sun, Earth and Moon and how we can prove it.

- Know what the solar system is and what the other planets are.
- Know how the solar system changed over time.
- Know how about the Earth's rotation and be able to explain day and night.
- Know how and why shadows change over the course of a day.
- Know how the movement of the Moon relates to movement of the Earth and other planets.

Day and Night Diagram



• It takes 28 days for the Moon to orbit the Earth - It takes 365 and 1/4 days for the Earth to orbit the sun - It takes 24 hours for the Earth to rotate on its axis once - every four years we have an additional day on Feb 29th – this is called a leap year.

Key Knowledge

- The Planets: Mercury the smallest planet Venus the largest in the sky from earth Earth the only planet with water on its surface Mars Known as the 'Red Planet' Jupiter the largest planet, a gas giant Saturn famous for its rings, a gas giant Uranus a gas giant Neptune blue in colour due to high methane levels Pluto This used to be a planet but is now known as a 'Dwarf Planet'.
- Mnemonic to recall the order of planets "<mark>M</mark>y <mark>V</mark>ery <mark>E</mark>asy <mark>M</mark>ethod <mark>J</mark>ust <mark>S</mark>peeds <mark>Up N</mark>aming <mark>P</mark>lanets"
- Significant Dates: 1951 First Dog in space Laika/ 1961 First man in space Yuri Gagarin/ 1969 First moon landing Apollo 11
- Famous Astronauts: Yuri Gagarin First man in space VOSTOCK 1 spacecraft (1961) Valentina Tereshkova

 First woman in space from Russia on VOSTOCK 6 (1963) Neil Armstrong First man on the moon in
 APOLLO 11 (1969) Tim Peake most recent Briton to go into space (2015)