

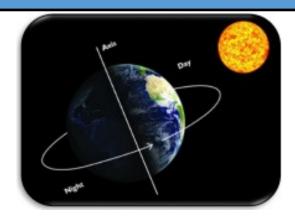
Year 5 Earth and Space Knowledge Organiser



Essential Vocabulary	
astronaut	A scientist who travels into space
astronomer	A scientist who learns about space
axis	An imaginary line through the middle of something
galaxy	An extremely large group of stars and planets. Our galaxy is called the Milky Way
meteorite	A rock from outer space that has landed on Earth
moon	A natural satellite that orbits a planet. Earth only has one moon, other planets have different amounts
planet	A large, roughly spherical object that orbits a star
shadow	A dark shape created when light is blocked
solar system	Our Sun and all the planets that orbit it.
spherical	Shaped like a sphere (ball)
star	A large ball of burning gas in space
sun	The name given to the star in our solar system
universe	The whole of space and and all the stars, planets and other forms of matter and energy in it

Essential Learning

- Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun and in the solar system
- Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth
- Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies
- Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky



Essential Questions:

- Which planets are in our solar system?
- What causes night and day?
- Why is a year 365 days long?
- Why do we have months?
- What did people used to think about the solar system?

