

Shooting for the Stars

Our Planet

We live on planet Earth. Our planet is covered in land and water.

In the water, there are lots of amazing fish and sea creatures.

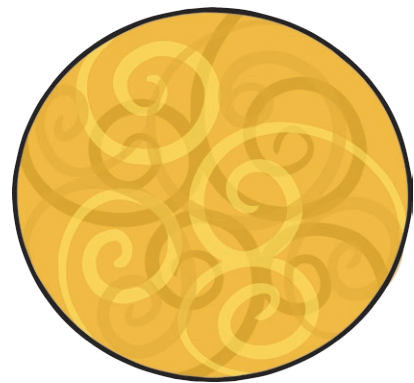


On land, we build houses, grow plants and take care of animals.

Our Solar System

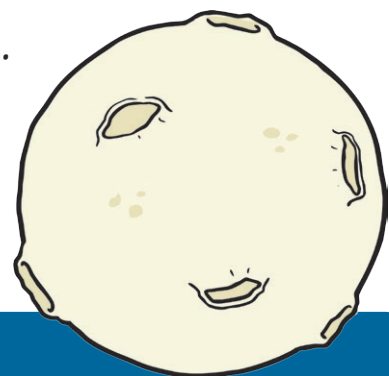
The Sun is at the middle of our solar system. There are 8 planets in our solar system that all move around the Sun.

The planet closest to the Sun is Mercury. The planet furthest away from the Sun is Neptune.



The Moon

The Moon travels around the Earth. Astronauts travelled to the Moon in a rocket to see what they could find.



Did You know?

The first astronaut to land on the Moon was Neil Armstrong in 1969.

Questions

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2. Where do fish live? Circle one.

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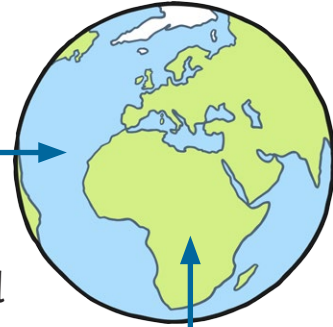
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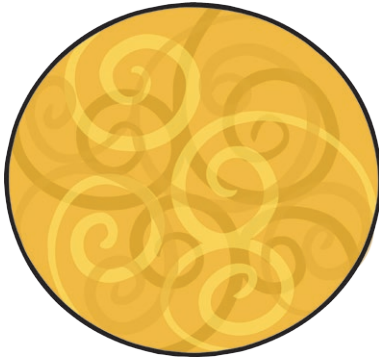
Planet Earth is one of eight planets in our solar system. Earth spins (very slowly) around. It takes one day for the Earth to spin around once.

Nearly three-quarters of the Earth is covered in water. In the oceans, seas, rivers and lakes, there are lots of different plants and animals.



The rest of the Earth is covered in land. Many parts of the land are inhabited (lived on) by people, although there are still some areas where nobody lives.

Our Solar System



The planets in our solar system all travel around the Sun. Earth is the third closest planet to the Sun. The planet nearest to the Sun is Mercury, which is very hot. The planet furthest from the Sun is Neptune, the coldest planet in the solar system.

The Moon

The Moon travels around the Earth. In 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin travelled to the Moon on a rocket called Apollo 11. When they landed on the Moon, they planted a flag.

Did You Know?

Scientists are still trying to work out if there is any water on the surface of the Moon. If there is, then one day plants could grow and people may even be able to visit!



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eight

nine

ten

2. What does 'inhabited' mean? Circle one.

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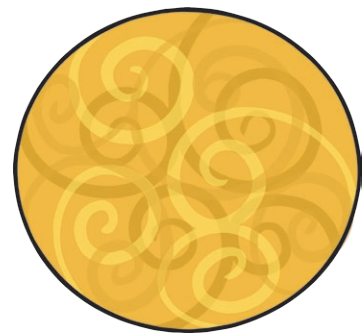


Around 70% of the Earth's surface is covered in water, which includes the seas, oceans, rivers and lakes. The water on our planet is a mixture of salt and fresh water.

The other 30% of the Earth's surface is covered in land. This includes all of the mountains, valleys and deserts that can be found around the world. Many of these areas are inhabited (lived on) by people but there are still some remote areas that are untouched by humans.

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The Sun is at the centre of our solar system. Our solar system is believed to have formed around 4.6 billion years ago! The eight planets orbit (travel around) the Sun, some closer to the Sun than others.



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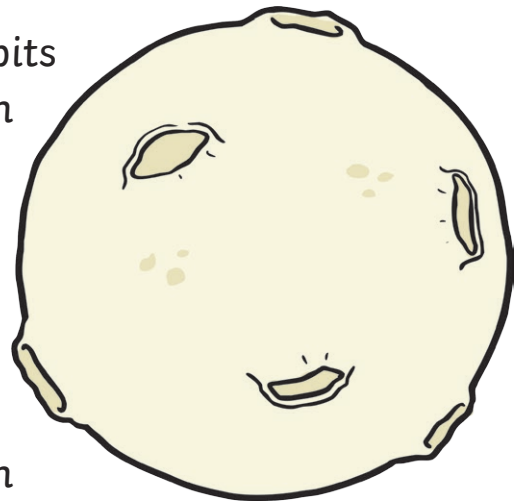


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The Moon

The Moon is a natural satellite that orbits the Earth. It has a massive impact on our planet as it controls the tides in our oceans.

Astronauts have been fascinated by the Moon for many years. Several missions have taken place to travel to the Moon, the first of these being in 1969, when Apollo 11 landed on the surface of the Moon. Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first people to ever set foot on the Moon. They walked on the surface, conducted some experiments and planted a flag. Footprints and tyre tracks left behind by astronauts on the Moon will stay there forever as there is no wind to blow them away.



Did You Know?

Scientists are still investigating whether there is water on the surface of the Moon. Water is essential in order for plants and animals to live and grow. If enough water was found on the Moon, plants could possibly grow and people may be able to visit or even live there! However, this would be a very long way in the future.

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