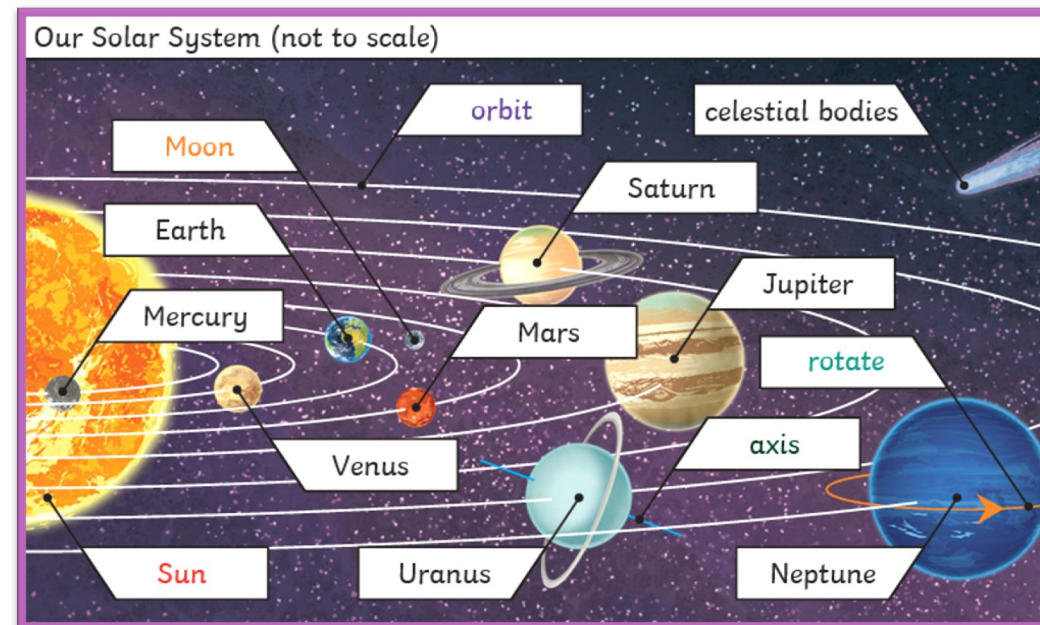




Key Vocabulary	Meaning
Sun	A huge star that Earth and the other planets in our solar system orbit around.
star	A giant ball of gas held together by its own gravity.
moon	A natural satellite which orbits Earth or other planets .
planet	A large object, round or nearly round, that orbits a star .
sphere	A round 3D shape in the shape of a ball.
spherical bodies	Astronomical objects shapes like spheres .
satellite	Any object or body in space that orbits something else, for example: the Moon is a satellite of Earth.
orbit	To move in a regular, repeating curved path around another object.
geocentric model	A belief people used to have that other planets and the Sun orbited around Earth.
heliocentric model	The structure of the Solar System where the planets orbit around the Sun .

Key Aims:

- Recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs
- Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun 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



The work and ideas of many astronomers (such as Copernicus and Kepler) combined over many years before the idea of the heliocentric model was developed. Galileo's work on gravity allowed astronomers to understand how planets stayed in orbit.

By the end of the topic, I will be able to describe the movements of the Sun, Earth and Moon.

I will explore how the rotation of Earth creates day and night and describe the differences in seasons between two locations in opposite hemispheres. I will be able to name and order the different phases of the moon, be able to discuss what a solar system is and name the eight planets in order from nearest to farthest from the Sun.

