

# THE SOLAR SYSTEM

The Solar System is a **small** part of the Universe. It is in the Milky Way galaxy.

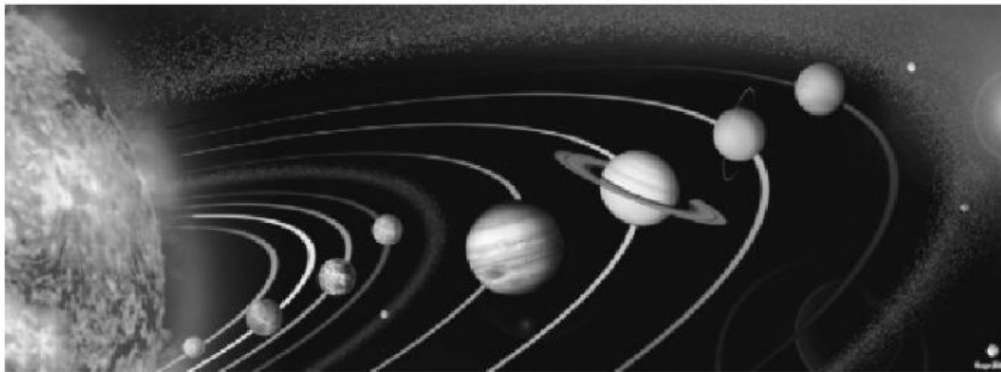
The **Solar System** is the **Sun** and **all the planets, comets** and asteroids that orbit around it.

## THE SUN

The **Sun** is the closest star to **Earth**.

The Sun is very important for us because it **gives us light** and heat.

The Sun illuminates all of the celestial bodies in the Solar System.



Mercury Venus Earth Mars Jupiter Saturn Uranus Neptune

**Eight** planets orbit **around the Sun**:

- Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars are the **closest planets** to the Sun.
- Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are the **furthest planets** from the Sun. They are bigger than the other planets and have more satellites.

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