The Solar System

The solar system is made of the sun, the **planet**s, and their moons. The sun is at the center of the **solar system** and the planets **revolve**, or move around, the sun. The path that a planet takes as it moves around the sun is called its **orbit**. As the planets move around the sun, they also **rotate**, or spin, completing one day. As the planet faces the sun, it is day time. When the planet spins away from the sunlight, it is night .

There are 8 planets in our solar system, including Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Pluto was once considered a planet, but is now called a “dwarf planet” because of its small size. Many of the planets also have moons which also revolve around them. The solar system is truly amazing!

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