

What is a solar system?

A solar system is a group of planets and moons that all travel around a sun.

Our solar system was formed around 4.6 billion years ago.

There are eight planets in our solar system.

Mercury

Venus

Earth

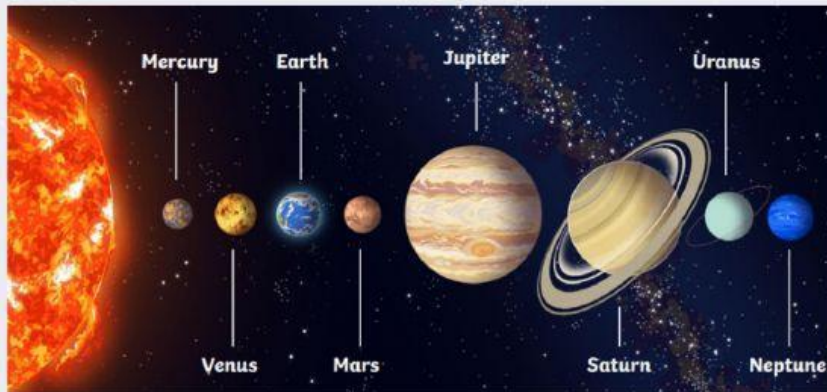
Mars

Jupiter

Saturn

Uranus

Neptune



For many years, humans did not know about the solar system and thought that the Earth was the centre of the universe.

What is the Moon?

The Moon is made of rock (not cheese!).

The Moon is a 'natural satellite', which means it has always been there.

The Moon travels around the Earth.

It takes around 28 days for the Moon to travel around the Earth.

The Moon is around 4.5 billion years old.

