

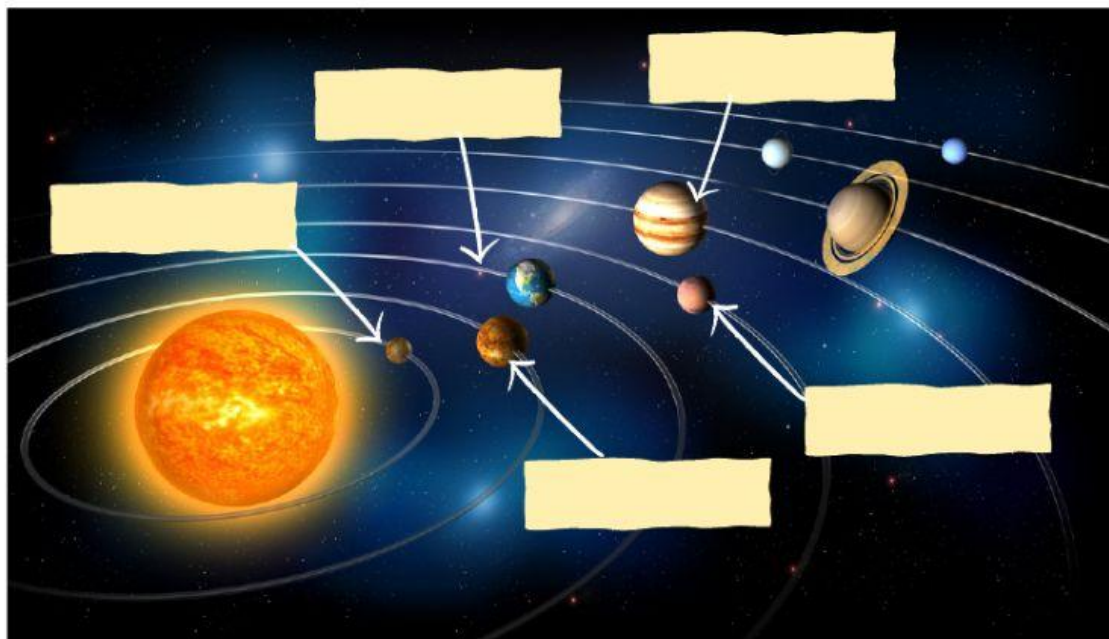
NGA RĀ O TE WIKI

Days of the Week

Did you know that the days of the week in English are named after the planets, which were also Roman gods?

Māori also have names for the planets we see in the night sky. These names became the names for the days of the week. Using the table below, can you match each name to its planet?

Te reo Māori planets / whetūao	English planets / whetūao	Te reo Māori day / rā	English day / rā
Mahina	Moon	_____	Monday
Tūmatauenga	Mars	_____	_____
Apārangi	Mercury	_____	_____
Pareārau	Jupiter	_____	_____
Mere	Venus	Rāmere	_____



Challenge:

Can you find the names for the other planets? Also, what are other names for Mars, Venus and Jupiter and what do these names mean?

English planets / whetūao	Te reo Māori planets / whetūao	Another name for...
Sun	_____	Mars _____
Saturn	_____	Jupiter _____
Uranus	_____	Venus _____
Neptune	_____	

MARAMATAKA

The Māori Lunar Calendar

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Did you know that the twelve months in English add up to ____ days, which is the time it takes for the Earth to go once around the sun?

In **te ao Māori** (the Māori world), however, the moon is much more important to the sun because it showed people good times for planting and fishing, among other things. There *are* twelve months, but the Māori year starts around _____, or Pipiri as it is known in te reo Māori. Also, the Māori months don't fit exactly into the European / Pākehā months, because the new moon doesn't always occur at the start of the month.

Write the names for the months (in te reo Māori) around the diagram.

Maramataka

Descriptions by Tūtakangahau, a Ngāi Tūhoe chief from Maungapōhatu.

(<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/discover-collections/read-watch-play/maori/matariki-maori-new-year/what-maramataka-maori-lunar>)

