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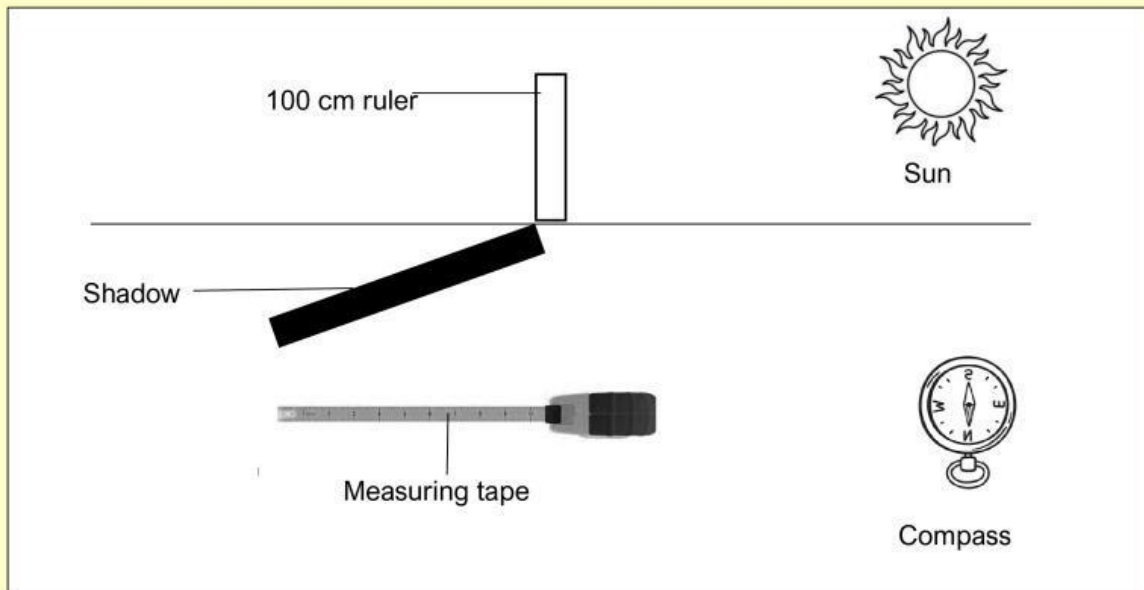
Science Year 4 practical task

Task 2 : Shadow on the ground

Problem : Why do the length and direction of a shadow change over time?

Materials : Measuring tape, watch, 100 cm ruler, compass, masking tape

Method :



1. Stand a 100 cm ruler on the ground early in the morning.
2. Make sure the ruler is in vertical position as shown in diagram above.
3. Mark the position of West and East by masking tape.
4. Mark the shadow at 8 a.m. with masking tape.
5. Measure the length of the shadow and determine the direction of the shadow with a compass.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 every two hours until 4 p.m.

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Record your observation in a table.

Time	Length of shadow (cm)	Direction of the sun	Direction of the shadow
8 a.m.	166	east	west
10 a.m.	100	east	west
12 noon	40	between east and west	between east and west
2 p.m.	106	west	east
4 p.m.	120	west	east

1. The shadow of the wooden ruler moves from west to east. What is the movement of the Earth that causes this phenomenon?

2. What happen to the length of shadow from morning to midday?

3. What happen to the length of shadow from 12 noon to evening?

4. When is the shadow of and object the longest?

5. When is the shadow of and object the shortest?

6. What happen to the direction of the shadow from morning to evening?

7. What conclusion can you make regarding the changes in the length and direction of shadow throughout the day?

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8. In this investigation, the time is set as _____.

9. In this investigation, the length and direction of the shadow are set as _____.

10. In this investigation, there are things set as constant variable **except** _____.