Science - Earth and Space - Year 5 - Autumn 1

Vocabulary Top Ten:		Katherine Johnson	Key Facts:
axis	An imaginary line through the centre of a spinning object.	Born: 1918 Died: 2020 Nationality: American Worked for NASA: 33 years She was known as a "human computer" for her tremendous mathematical capability. She helped send astronauts to the moon! She fought against gender and racial barriers.	The solar system the collection of eight planets and their moons in orbit round the sun. The Sun is a star (made up of hydrogen and helium) which is at the centre of our solar system and does not move.
crescent	A narrow curved shape coming to a point at each end.		There are eight planets in our solar system. These are: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.
lunar	Linked to the moon.		The Sun, Earth and Moon are spherical bodies.
orbit	The curved path of a celestial object or spacecraft round a star, planet or moon.		The Earth takes 365.25 days to complete its orbit around the Sun, therefore every four years we have an extra day in February (29 th February) called a leap year.
rotate	Move, or cause to move, in a circle around an axis or centre.	Diagram Solar System	As the Earth orbits the Sun, it rotates. The half of the Earth facing the sun will experience day and the part facing away from the sun will experience night.
revolve	Move in a circular orbit around.		The Earth's rotation is what makes the Sun appear to rise in the East and set in the West.
satellite	A moon moving around a planet.	FLUTS	It takes 24 hours for the Earth to rotate once fully on its axis.
Solar system	Collection of planets, which a star.		The Moon takes approximately 28 days to orbit the Earth which is called the lunar month.
sphere	A perfectly round, solid shape.		The Moon does not shine. The 'moonlight' we see is actually the Sun's light reflected off the lunar surface.
tilt	Move, or cause to move, into a sloping position.		As the Moon orbits the Earth, the Sun lights up different parts of it, making it seem as if the Moon is changing shape. We call these the phases of the moon.

Earth's orbit



Seasons of the year









