

The Moon orbits Earth in an oval-shaped path while spinning on its axis. At various times in a month, the Moon appears to be different shapes. This is because as the Moon rotates round Earth so the sun's light reflects from part of its surface.

The Moon has gravity of its own, which pulls the oceans (and us) towards it. The Moon's gravitational pull on us is much weaker than Earth's, we don't really notice it, but we can see the Moon's effect on the oceans.

Earth rotates on its axis. It does a full rotation once in every 23 hours and 56 minutes. At the same time that Earth is rotating, it is also orbiting around the Sun. It takes just over 365 days for Earth to orbit the Sun.


Prior to the 1600 's, the common belief was that the planets and the Sun moved around the Earth (Geocentric model). The work and ideas of many astronomers in the idea that the Earth and other planets actually revolve around the Sun making the Sun the centre of our solar system (Heliocentric model), not Earth.

## Earth and Space

Year 5 Mission to the Moon
Key Vocabulary

Daytime occurs when the section of Earth is facing towards the Sun. Night-time occurs when the section of Earth is facing away from the Sun.


Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars are rocky planets. They are mostly made up of metal and rock. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are mostly made up of gases (helium and hydrogen). Pluto used to be considered a planet but was reclassified as a dwarf planet in 2006.


| Sun | a huge star that Earth and the other planets in our solar system orbit around |
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| star | a giant sphere of gas held together by its own gravity |
| moon | a natural satellite which orbits Earth or other planets |
| planet | a large object, round or nearly round, that orbits a star |
| solar system | consists of our Sun and everything bound to it by gravity - the planets dozens of moons and millions of asteroids, comets and meteoroids |
| sphere | a round 3D shape - like a ball all points on the surface are the same distance from the centre |
| satellite | any object or body in space that orbits something else, the Moon is a satellite of Earth |
| orbit | a regular, repeating path that one object in space takes around another one |
| rotate | to circle around a centre point e.g. Earth rotates on its own axis |
| axis | an imaginary line that an object rotates around e.g. Earth's axis (imaginary line) runs from the North Pole to the South Pole |
| Geocentric model | a belief people used to have that other planets and the Sun orbited around Earth |
| Heliocentric model | the structure of the Solar System where the planets orbit around the Sun |

## Key Vocabulary

| society | the members of a community, or <br> group, considered together |
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| stereotype | an idea or belief many people have <br> about a thing or group, which may be <br> untrue or partly untrue |
| attitude | a way of feeling or thinking about <br> someone or something |
| technology | the collection of tools, including ma- <br> chinery, modifications, arrangements <br> and procedures, used by humans |
| economy | the way in which goods are made, <br> sold and used in a country |
| reliability | capable of being trusted or reliable <br> upon |



## 1950s

The 1950s saw the beginnings of commercial television in Britain. Electrical
 goods such as toasters, electric fires, cookers, washing machines and vacuum cleaners were introduced. However, for some of these goods, it was only the wealthy that could afford them. Most families still washed their clothes by hand.
In 1954, rationing was finally ended. It was imposed during WWII to make sure that everyone had a fair amount of food and clothing.

## 1960s

During the sixties, London became the fashion capital of the world. New colours, patterns and fabrics were being used to make clothes young, fresh and exciting.


In 1965, the Race Relations Act attempted to stop racial discrimination in public places. People around the world were trying to make sure that all people had equal rights.

## 1969

Neil Armstrong was the first human to walk on the Moon during the Apollo 11 mission on 20th July. He completed the mission alongside co-pilots Edwin E. (Buzz) Aldrin and Michael Collins.


## 1970s

In the 1970s, Britain faced lots of economic problems. The Government tried to reduce people's wages, which led to numerous strikes. By the end of the 1970s, this period of time of was known as the 'winter of discontent.'

Despite these economic problems, there were positive changes too. Women campaigned for equal pay for doing the same job as men. Advances in women's rights became evident when in 1979 Margaret Thatcher be-
 came the UK's first female Prime Minister.

## 1980s

One of the biggest characteristics of the 1980s were the technological advances. This decade was the period when personal computers became popular. Microsoft Windows was launched in 1985 and in the same
 year Nintendo launched its first entertainment system.

Katharine Johnson (1918-2020)
Katherine Johnson loved math. Early in her career, she was called a 'computer.' Katherine studied how to use geometry for space travel.


She figured out the paths for the spacecraft to orbit Earth and to land on the Moon. Later, her math helped send astronauts to the Moon and back.
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## What is Gravity?

The force that pulls things to the centre of Earth (and other planets) is called gravity. Gravity also holds Earth and the other planets in their orbits around the Sun. The force of gravity exists on the Moon but it is not as strong as it is on Earth. This is because the Moon is much smaller than our planet. Objects with more mass have more gravity.

We are pulled down towards the ground because of gravity. Gravi tational force pulls in the direction towards the centre of any object.

Sir Isaac Newton, an English mathematician and physicist, who lived from 1642-1727, is famously thought to have developed his theory of gravity when he saw an apple fall to the ground from an apple tree.


Weight is how strongly gravity is pulling an object down. It is




Friction is a force that acts between two surfaces or objects which are moving, or trying to move, across each other.

Air resistance is a type of friction. It is caused when air pushes against any moving object.
It is helpful when it stops a skydiver hitting the ground at high speed.


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> Buoyancy is an upward force that a liquid applies to an object.

Water resistance is a type of friction. It is caused when water pushes against any moving object.
It is unhelpful when it
slows down a swimmer
in a race.


When objects are streamlined, they are shaped to minimise the effects of air or water resistance.

