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Science: Earth and Space Progression of Skills and Milestones Document

Year 5 Earth and Space

- Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.
- Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.
- Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies.
- Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.

Notes

The Sun is a star. It is at the centre of our solar system. There are 8 planets (can choose to name them, but not essential). These travel around the Sun in fixed orbits. Earth takes 365¼ days to complete its orbit around the Sun. The Earth rotates (spins) on its axis every 24 hours. As Earth rotates half faces the Sun (day) and half is facing away from the Sun (night). As the Earth rotates, the Sun appears to move across the sky. The Moon orbits the Earth. It takes about 28 days to complete its orbit. The Sun, Earth and Moon are approximately spherical.

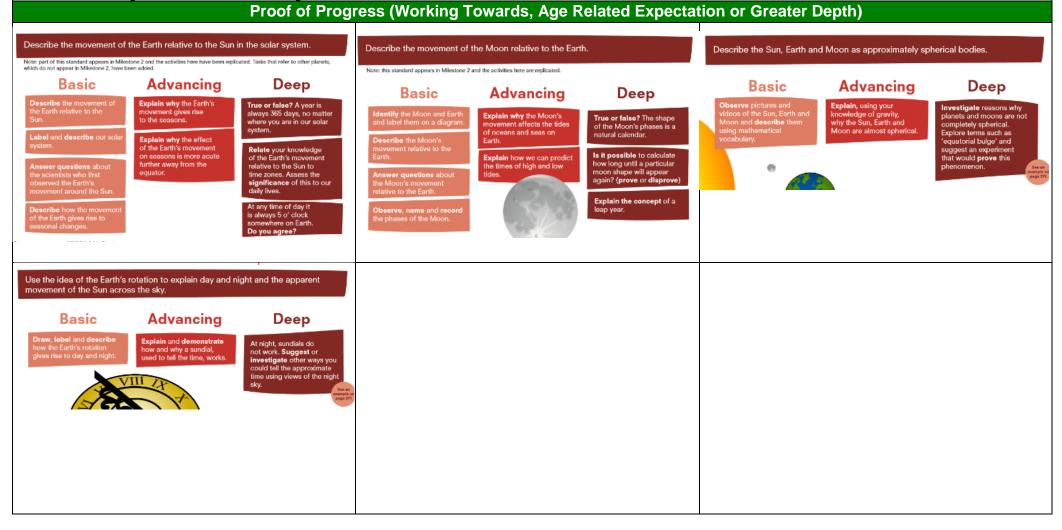
Key Vocabulary	Common Misconceptions		
Earth, Sun, Moon, (Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Neptune), spherical, solar system, rotates, star, orbit, planets	 Some children may think: the Earth is flat • the Sun is a planet the Sun rotates around the Earth the Sun moves across the sky during the day the Sun rises in the morning and sets in the evening the Moon appears only at night night is caused by the Moon getting in the way of the Sun or the Sun moving further away from the Earth. 		
Activities	Possible Evidence		
 Use secondary sources to help create a model e.g. role play or using balls to show the movement of the Earth around the Sun and the Moon around the Earth. Use secondary sources to help make a model to show why day and night occur. Make first-hand observations of how shadows caused by the Sun change through the day. Make a sundial. Research time zones. Consider the views of scientists in the past and evidence used to deduce shapes and movements of the Earth, Moon and planets before space travel 	 Can create a voice over for a video clip or animation Can show, using diagrams, the movement of the Earth and Moon Can explain the movement of the Earth and Moon Can show using diagrams the rotation of the Earth and how this causes day and night Can explain what causes day and night Can use the model to explain how the Earth moves in relation to the Sun and the Moon moves in relation to the Earth Can demonstrate and explain verbally how day and night occur Can explain evidence gathered about the position of shadows in term of the movement of the Earth and show this using a model • Can explain how a sundial works Can explain verbally, using a model, why we have time zones 		
TAPS practical assessments to be used at the end of each unit.	 Can describe the arguments and evidence used by scientists in the past 		

Concept Cartoons' and 'Exit Cards' to be used at the end of lessons to assess understanding.

Upper Key Stage 2 Working Scientifically

Identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments

Children answer their own and others' questions based on observations they have made, measurements they have taken or information they have gained from secondary sources. When doing this, they discuss whether other evidence e.g. from other groups, secondary sources and their scientific understanding, supports or refutes their answer. They talk about how their scientific ideas change due to new evidence that they have gathered. They talk about how new discoveries change scientific understanding.



Milestone indicator	Basic	Advancing	Deep
Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. Note: part of this indicator appears in Milestone 2 and the activities here have been replicated. Added are tasks that refer to other planets, which does not appear in Milestone 2.	 Describe the movement of the Earth relative to the Sun. Label and describe our solar system. Answer questions about the scientists who first observed the Earth's movement around the Sun. Describe how the movement of the Earth gives rise to seasonal changes. 	Explain why the Earth's movement gives rise to the seasons.Explain why the effect of the Earth's movement on seasons is more acute further away from the equator.	 True or false: A year is always 365 days, no matter where one is in our solar system? Relate your knowledge of the Earth's movement relative to the Sun to time zones. Assess the significance of this to our daily lives. Do you agree: At any time of day it is always 5 O' Clock somewhere on Earth.
Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. Note: this indicator appears in Milestone 2 and the activities here are replicated.	Identify and label the Moon and Earth. Describe the Moon's movement relative to the Earth. Answer questions about theMoon's movement relative to the earth. Observe, name and record the phases of the Moon.	Explain why the moon's movement affects the tides of oceans and seas on Earth. Explain how we can predict the times of high and low tides.	Could this be true: the shape of the moon's phases is a natural calendar? Is it possible (prove or disprove) to calculate how long until a particular moon shape will appear again? Explain the concept of a leap year.
Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies.	Observe pictures and videos of the Sun, Earth and Moon and describe them using mathematical vocabulary.	Explain , using your knowledge of gravity, why the Sun, Earth and Moon are almost spherical.	Investigate reasons why planets and moons are not completely spherical. Explore terms such as 'equatorial buldge' and suggest an experiment the would prove this phenomenon.
Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.	Draw, label and describe how the Earth's rotation gives rise to day and night.	Explain and demonstrate how and why a sun dial, used to tell the time, works.	At night, sun dials do not work. Suggest or investigate other ways one could tell the approximate time using views of the night sky.