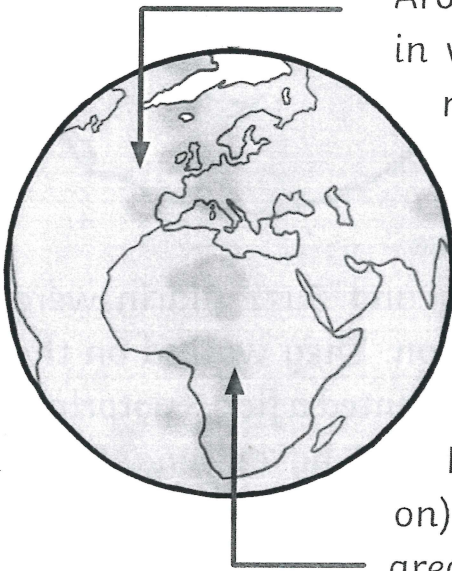


Shooting for the Stars

Our Planet

We live on planet Earth, which is one of eight planets in our solar system. All of the planets in our solar system rotate (spin around) and it takes Earth one whole day to spin around once on its axis.

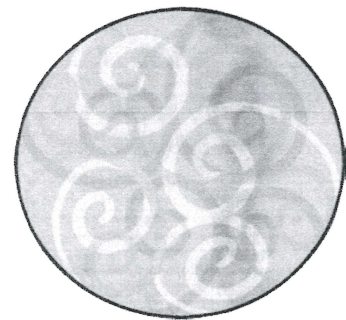


Around 70% of the Earth's surface is covered in water, which includes the seas, oceans, rivers and lakes. The water on our planet is a mixture of salt and fresh water.

The other 30% of the Earth's surface is covered in land. This includes all of the mountains, valleys and deserts that can be found around the world. Many of these areas are inhabited (lived on) by people but there are still some remote areas that are untouched by humans.

Our Solar System

The Sun is at the centre of our solar system. Our solar system is believed to have formed around 4.6 billion years ago! The eight planets orbit (travel around) the Sun, some closer to the Sun than others.



Earth is the third closest planet to the Sun.

The planet nearest to the Sun is Mercury, which is very hot.



The planet furthest from the Sun is Neptune, the coldest planet in the solar system.