

Resource 1

Look at the resource below, which explains what a planet is and gives us more information about our planet, Earth.

What is a planet?

A planet must be big enough to have sufficient gravity to make it a spherical shape (like a ball) and it must orbit a star (the Sun is a star).



There are eight planets in our solar system that all orbit the Sun.

Can you see the planets Earth and Mars on the picture above?



Do you know anything else about the planets in our solar system?
What would you like to find out?

Earth is the third planet from the Sun and is our home! It is the only planet where life is known to be found. It takes one year for the Earth to orbit the Sun. The Earth has one moon. It orbits the Earth. We see the Moon because it reflects light from the Sun!



Pictured above: Planet Earth and its moon.