



# Our Wonderful World



## WEEK 1 - PLANET EARTH

In this week's activities you will learn more about Planet Earth and its place in our Solar System. What is the Earth made of? How big is it? How old is it? How far away from the sun is it? Why do we call our planet 'Earth' anyway?

The activities below will explore these questions and many more. We have also included useful resources with links, and below there are range of activities to suit all ages.

Some of the activities have associated worksheets and support materials which you will find at the bottom of the Geography page on the school website. You can choose print, or just look at them on screen.

## To get started

**Look** at the 'Planet Earth' presentation. It is packed with interesting information about our wonderful planet.

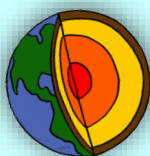
**Watch** this short clip about our amazing planet [click here](#) or **ask a grown up** to show you this song about all the planets in our solar system [click here](#) the first 5 minutes are all about the planets, sun and moon.

**Play** this quiz from BBC Newsround all about Planet Earth [click here](#)

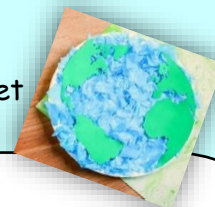
**Read** some fascinating facts about the Earth [click here](#)

**Talk about** – 'Our Common Home' watch Pope Francis's message on care for our planet in this animation and then talk about it with a grown up. [click here](#)

What's inside the Earth?



Paper plate planet



### ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR ALL CHILDREN

- Draw the Earth cut in half so that you can see all the layers inside. Colour and label each layer and see if you can learn the names of each one (**Earth Model sheet, layers of the Earth interactive**)
- Design a planet of your own. What would it look like? What features would it have? What colour would it be? What signs of life would it have? Who would live there? (**Design a Planet sheet**)
- Write a song about our wonderful planet, using some of the facts you have learnt. Record your masterpiece or perform it to someone in your family.
- Make an Earth mini book. You could fill it with facts about the Earth or the Solar System.
- Be the teacher – teach someone in your family all about Planet Earth based on the new knowledge you have. You could even give them a little test at the end ☺ (**Knowledge Organiser**)
- Complete one of the reading activities about Planet Earth (**Read and Colour KS1, Earth, Moon and Sun KS1/2, Reading Comprehension KS2**)
- Look at this 3D model of Planet Earth, it's amazing! [click here](#)
- Make a paper plate Planet Earth using coloured paper or tissue
- Write a paragraph about Planet Earth based on your research. You could illustrate your work too.
- Get creative by completing a piece of artwork with Planet Earth as the theme.
- **Learn 5 facts from the Knowledge Organiser and share them with someone else. Ask them to test you!**

