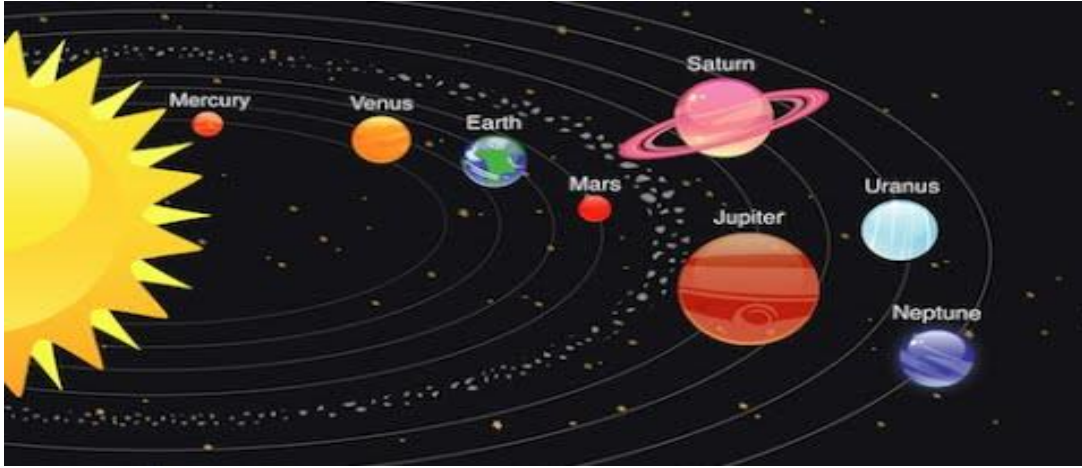
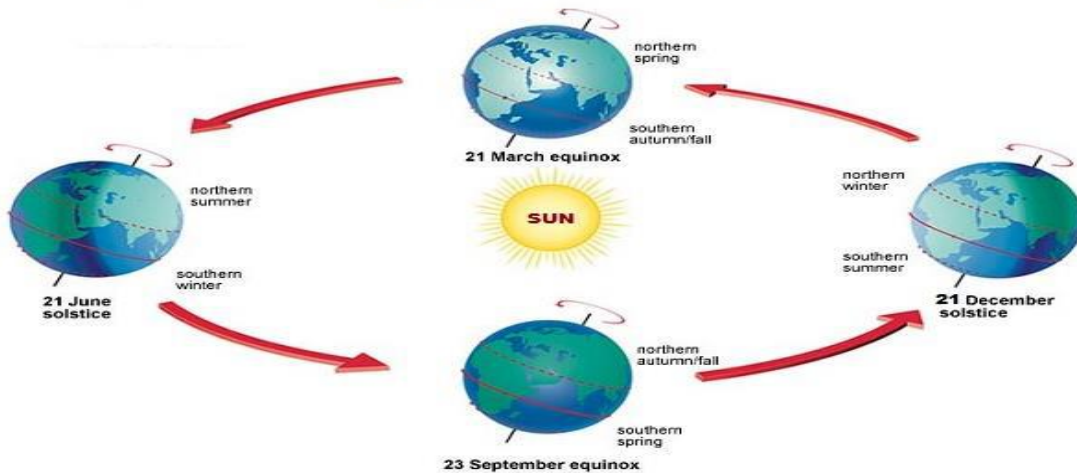


## Earth and Space

### Key Vocabulary



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**Asteroid** - A small rocky body orbiting the sun

**Axis** - An imaginary line about which a body rotates

**Celestial** - Positioned in or relating to the sky, or outer space as observed in the astronomy

**Day** - A twenty-four hour period, from one midnight to the next, corresponding to a rotation of the earth on its axis

**Dwarf planet** - A celestial body resembling a small planet but lacking certain technical criteria to be classed as a planet e.g. Pluto

**Geocentric** - Where people believed the earth was at the centre of the solar system

**Heliocentric** - Representing the sun as the centre of the solar system, the modern view of the solar system

**Moon** - A natural satellite of any planet

**Night** - The period from sunset to sunrise in each twenty-four hours

**Orbit** - The regularly repeated oval course of a celestial object around a star or planet

**Planet** - A celestial body moving in orbit round a star

**Rotation** - The action of rotating about an axis or centre

**Solar system** - The collection of eight planets and their moons in orbit round the sun

**Star** - A fixed luminous point in the night sky which is a large, remote body like the sun

**Sun** - The star round which planets orbit