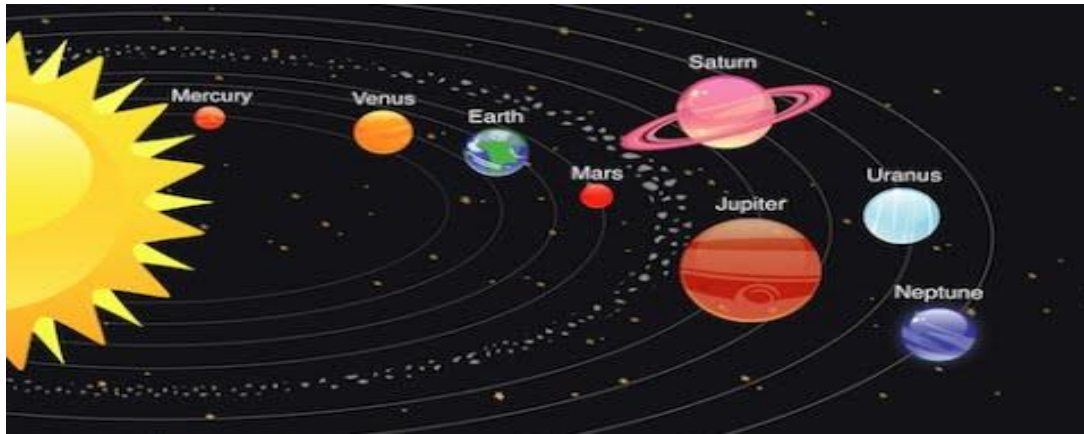
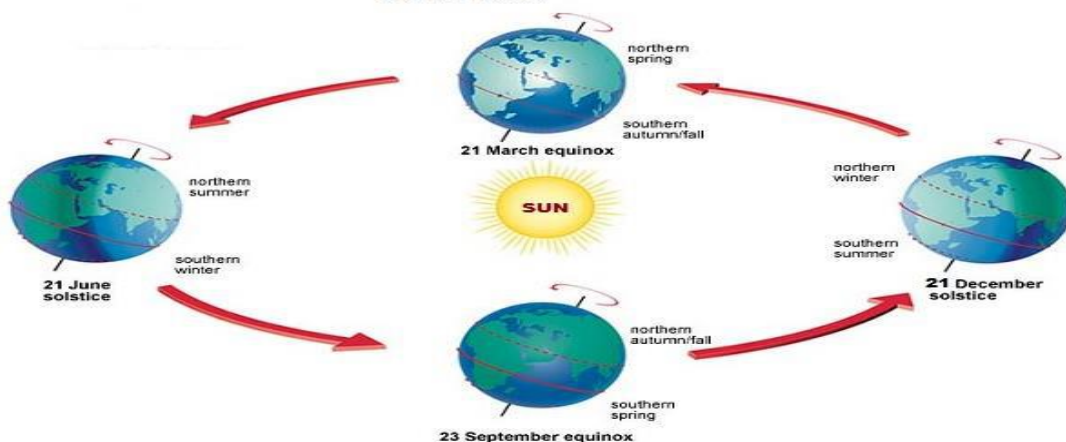


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Key Vocabulary

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.

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.