

# English

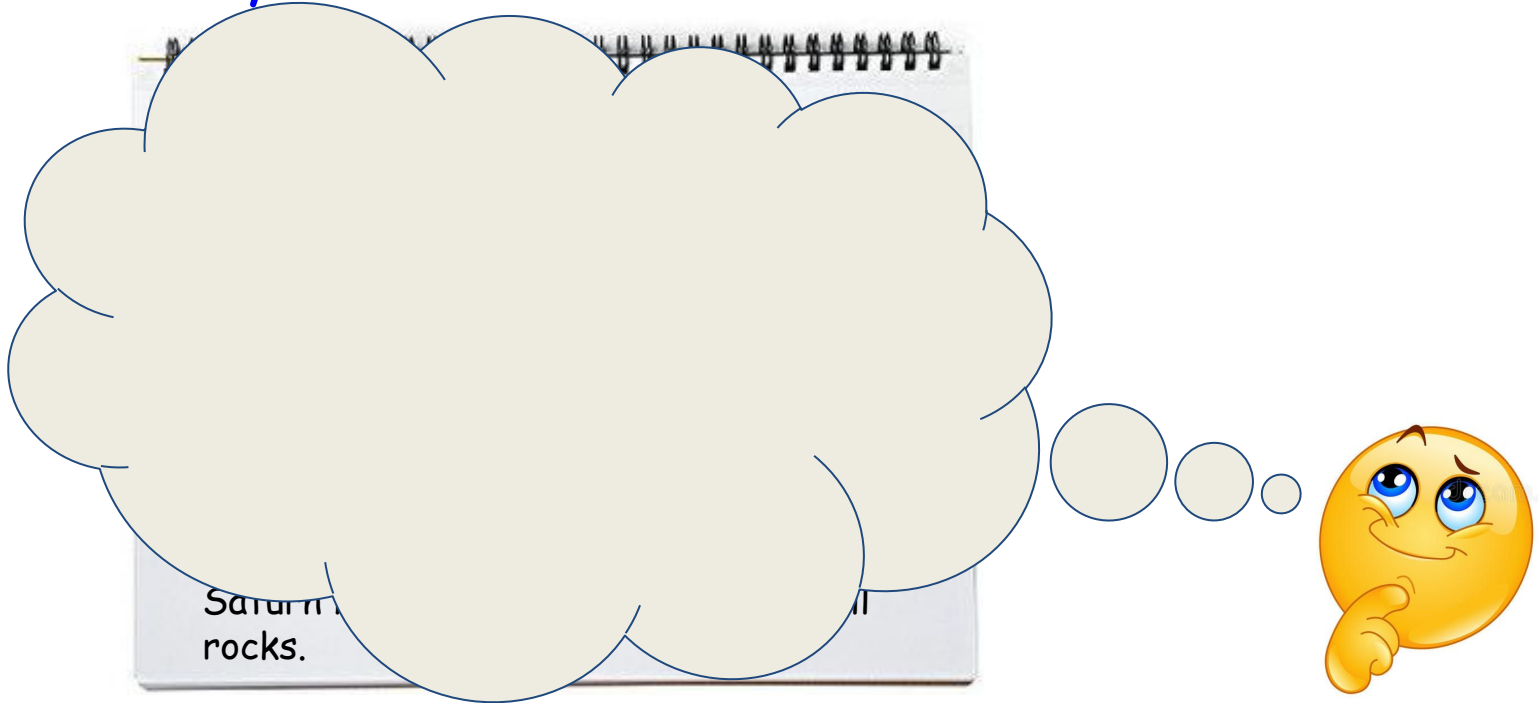
Lessons 2 - 4, Week 6

# Lesson 2

Features of a non-fiction book and  
retrieving factual information.

# Yesterday we learned lots of facts about the solar system.

What facts can you remember?



This week we are going to write our own fact books about the solar system.

We need to:

Find out facts about the solar system and planets



Understand the features of a fact book.



Write our fact books.



Here is a fact book all about space.

Information books are called **non-fiction** books.

Let's look at the cover.  
We can see the bold title and a photograph of the planet earth.



Non-fiction books often have these different features:

Labels

Illustrations

Sub headings

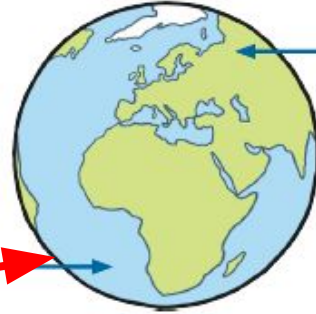


You could look at non-fiction books you have at home and see if you can spot these features in them.

### **Our Planet**

We live on planet Earth. Our planet is covered in land and water.

In the water, there are lots of amazing fish and sea creatures.



On land, we build houses, grow plants and take care of animals.

### **Our Solar System**

The Sun is at the middle of our solar system. There are 8 planets in our solar system that all move around the Sun.

The planet closest to the Sun is Mercury. The planet furthest away from the Sun is Neptune.



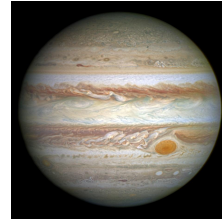
### **The Moon**

The Moon travels around the Earth. Astronauts travelled to the Moon in a rocket to see what they could find.

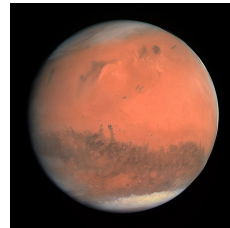
We have started to learn lots of facts about the solar system. To help us write our fact books, we are going to become experts on the solar system! Watch the videos on the next slides - listen very carefully to all the facts.

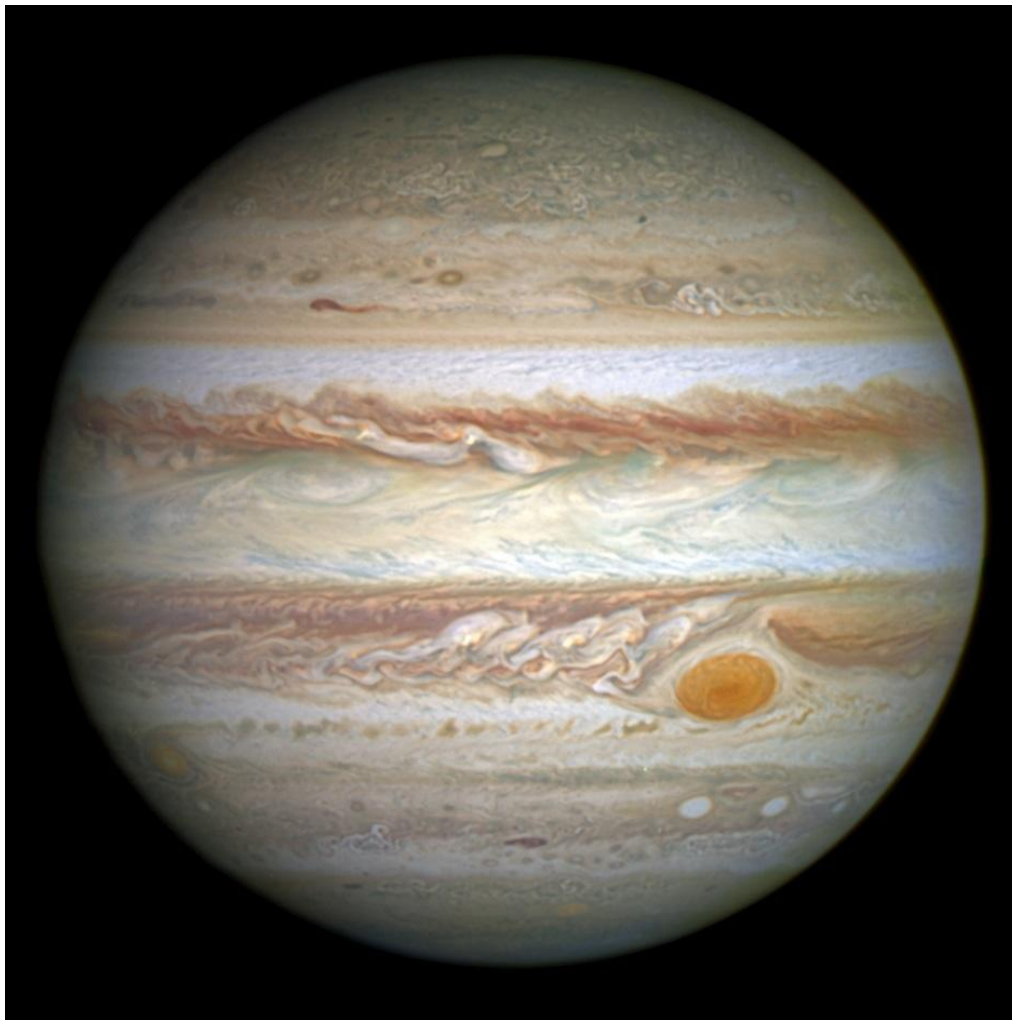
After you have watched the video can you read the facts and sort them?

Which facts are about Jupiter?



Which facts are about Mars?

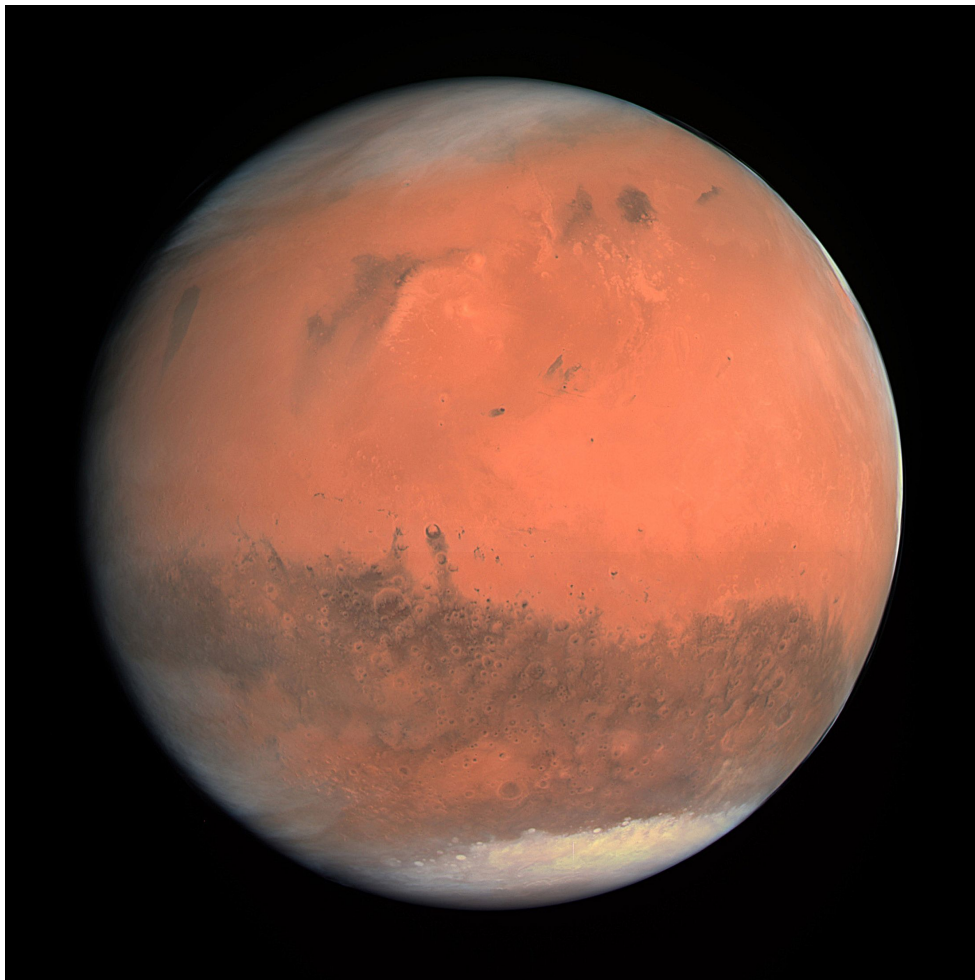




# Jupiter

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zr2qxn timer>





# Mars

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Now you have watched the information videos can you sort the facts?

We would like you to either sort the facts on the next slide under the **subheadings**.

Jupiter

Mars

There are printable facts to cut and sort on google classroom or you can copy the facts on the next slide under the two subheadings.

# Jupiter

Which facts go under which subheading?

# Mars

This is the largest planet.

This is the nearest planet to Earth.

It is a ball of liquid with swirling icy clouds.

This planet is named after the Greek god of war because it is the colour of blood.

It is a red planet with volcanoes and ice caps.

It has 16 moons and the largest is called Ganymede.

Either print and sort the facts or write them carefully under each subheading. Check your sorting on the next slide!



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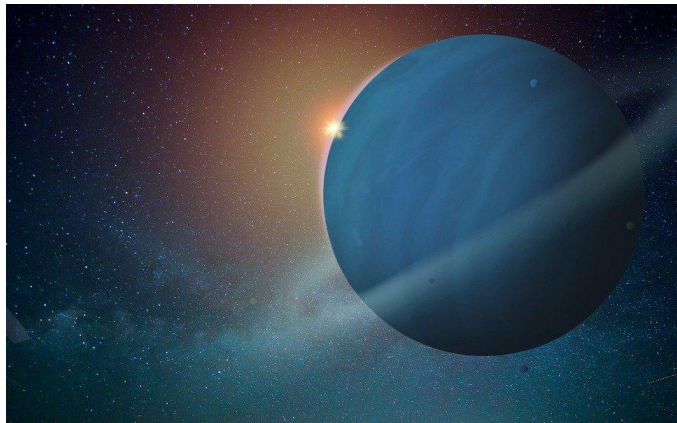


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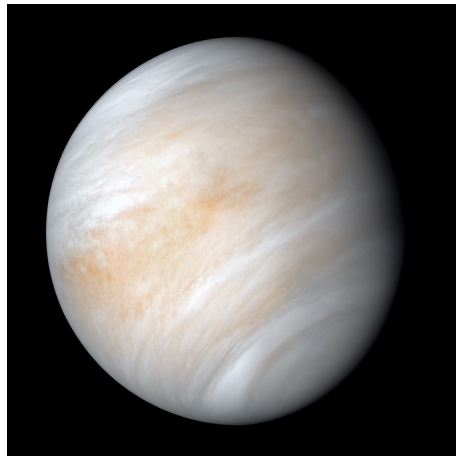
Optional challenge:

Watch the video and write your own facts for one of these planets?



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zdptsbk>

Uranus



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zjspyrd>

Venus

Keep your facts somewhere safe.

In our next English lessons we will be making a solar system fact book!



# Lesson 3

Planning and writing a fact book

This week we writing our own fact books about the solar system.

We need to:

Find out facts about the solar system and planets



Understand the features of a fact book.



Write our fact books.





Let's look again at the facts we have already found out this week.

- eight planets
- sun - star at centre of the solar system
- closest to the sun - Mercury
- furthest from sun - Neptune
- biggest planet - Jupiter
- Saturn - rings of ice and rocks

In our first lesson we learned about the solar system and completed a quiz.

Did you remember these facts?



Yesterday we watched videos about Mars and Jupiter and sorted the facts under two sub-headings.

## Mars

- nearest to Earth
- red planet - volcanoes and ice caps
- named after Greek God of War

## Jupiter

- largest planet
- ball of liquid with icy clouds
- 16 moons - largest is Ganymede

How many did you remember?



We have also learned that a good fact book has the following features:



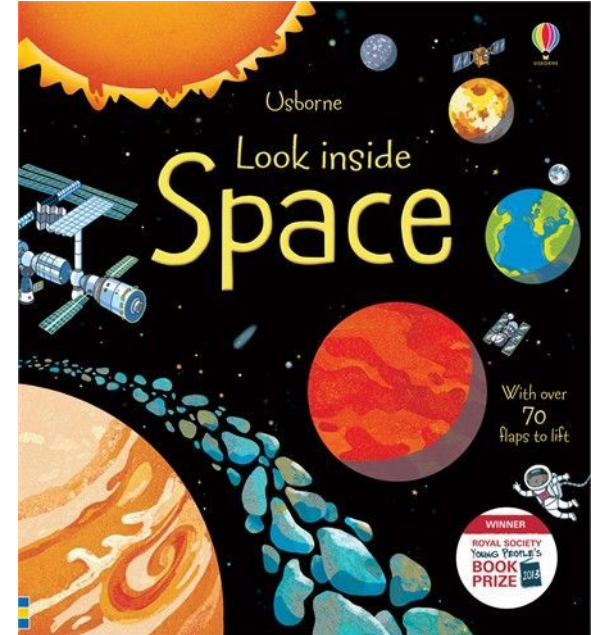
A front cover with a title and a picture.



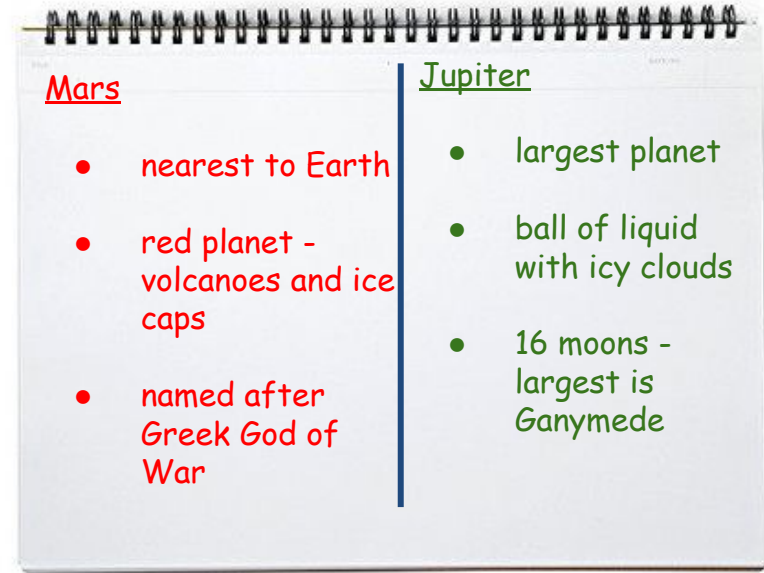
Subheadings to organise the facts.



Illustrations or pictures (maybe with labels).



# Now we are going to write our facts into our fact books!

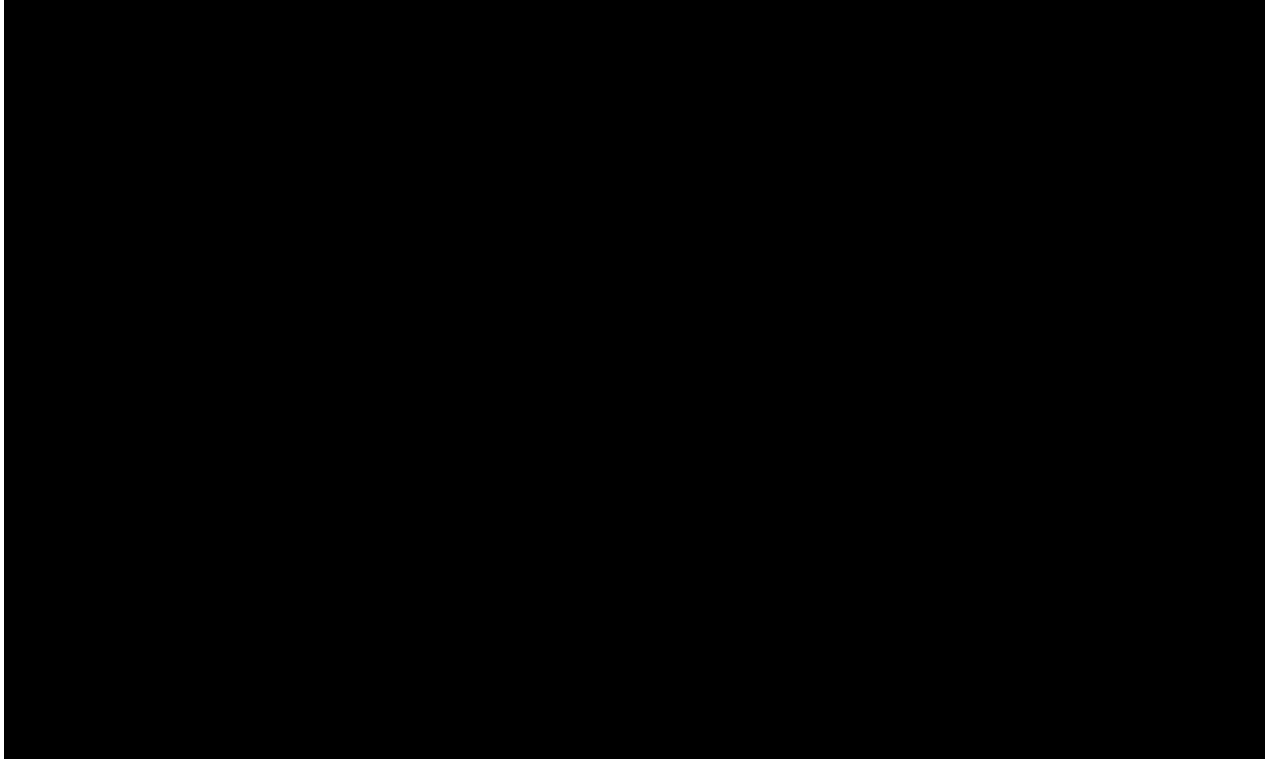


We can't just copy these facts like this. What is the problem?

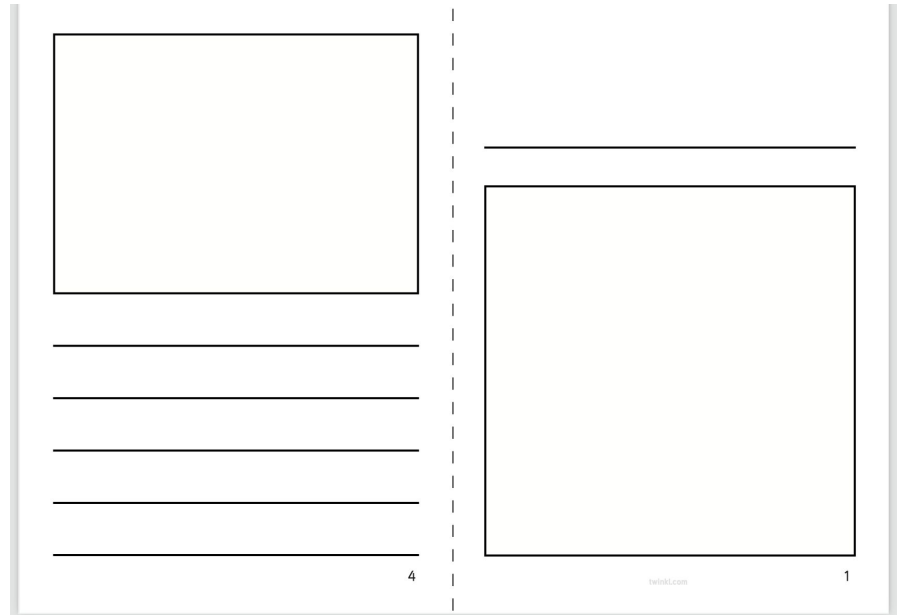
They need to be written as



Watch the video and see how to turn the facts we have learned into full sentences.



You can create your own book using a folded piece of paper at home or print the booklet template from google classroom.



# Remember when writing sentences:



Rehearse your sentence first.



Read it again to check it makes sense and spot any good mistakes.

Ollie Octopus has been writing some space facts. Can you spot his 3 good mistakes.



The sun isat the  
centre of the solar  
system.

Have a look  
carefully and  
then click to see  
his mistakes!





# You could decide to write about:

The solar system

Use facts from the quiz in Lesson 1

The planets

Use facts and videos from Lesson 2

Other solar system and space facts you find interesting!

Use books at home and safe search websites like [Safe Search Kids](#)

Remember to use a subheading for each different section in your book!

Well done Year 1! Don't feel you have to finish writing all your book today!

We will spend time in our next lesson finishing them off.

Use today's lesson to get all your solar system facts together and get started on your writing.

# Lesson 4

Finishing our books and adding a  
contents page

This week we are writing our own fact books about the solar system.

We have:

Found out facts about the solar system and planets



Understood the features of a fact book.



Started writing our fact books.



# Here are the facts we found out in lessons 1 and 2.

- eight planets
- sun - star at centre of the solar system
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- biggest planet - Jupiter
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## Mars

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- named after Greek God of War

## Jupiter

- largest planet
- ball of liquid with icy clouds
- 16 moons - largest is Ganymede

**Have you used them in your writing?  
Have you added your own facts?**



# If you are adding more writing, remember what makes our writing amazing!



Rehearse your sentence first.



Read it again to check it makes sense and spot any good mistakes.

You can add more pages - either by printing off another page from google classroom or just adding an extra piece of paper



Have a look at your fact book so far. Does it have?



A front cover with a title, a picture and the author's name.



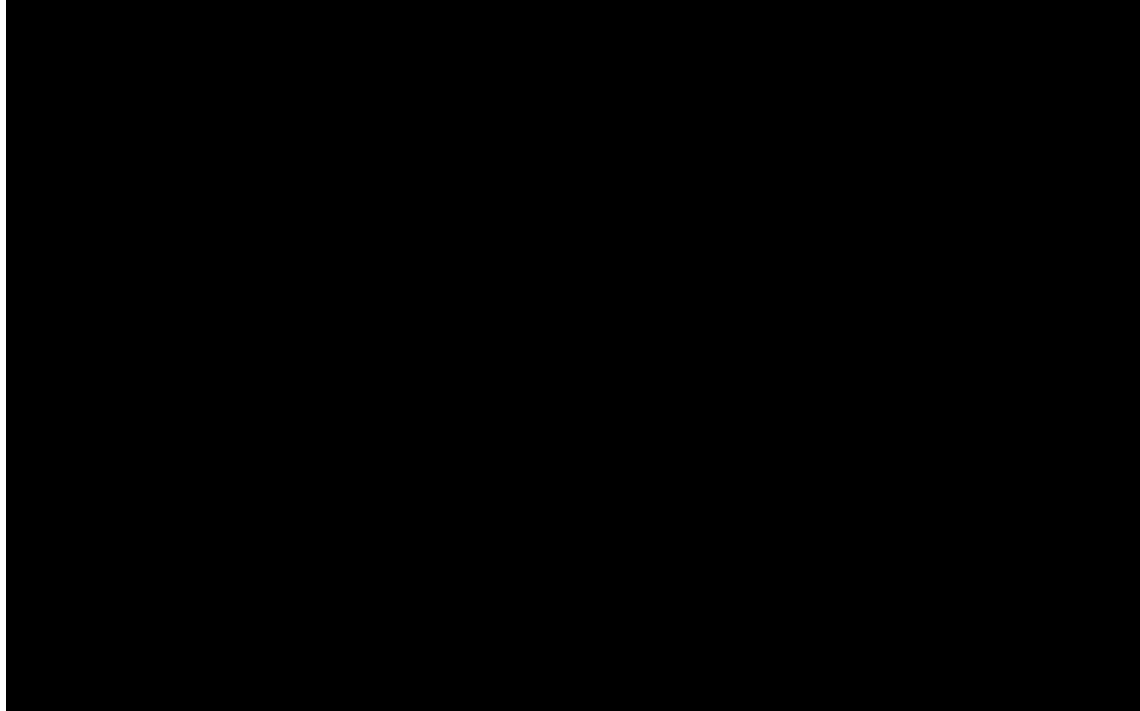
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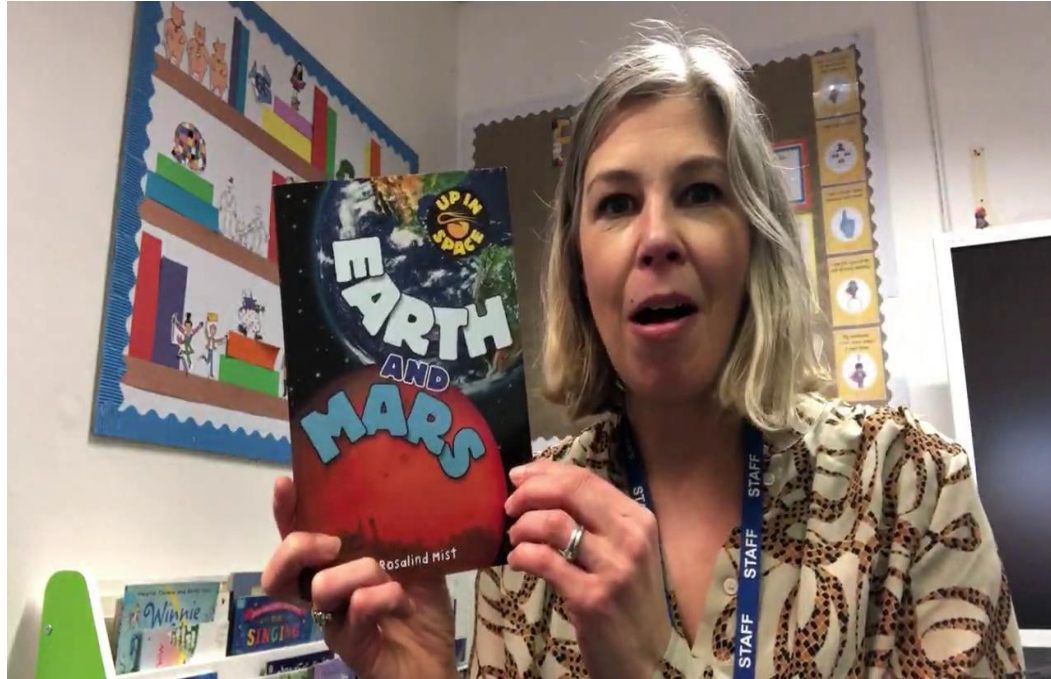
**What do you need to add from the list above?**

Let's find out about other features of non-fiction books and learn some facts about **Saturn**.





Listen to Mrs Ridley read some amazing facts about **Mars** and find out what non-fiction books often have at the back!



# Adding a contents page

Non-fiction, or information books, have contents pages to help the reader find the information they want.

Contents pages list the subheadings and the page numbers.

Can you add a contents page to your book? You could write on the back of the front cover or add an extra page at the start.



If you have non-fiction books at home you could have a look at their contents pages.

Contents	
1	The Big Bang
2	Making space
4	What's in space?
6	How do we know?
8	The Milky Way
10	Our solar system
12	Space travel
14	Stargazing



# Well done Year 1.



## You are space experts now!



Don't forget to share your fantastic fact books with us on google classroom or Tapestry.

