

## **Space is a Place**

*by Celeste (21) to be read out by Isobel and Imogen*

Space is a place  
swirling round the sun  
all the planets are on the run

Some have rings  
Some have none

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Swirling round the sun.

## **The Sun**

Nursery: Joshua, Orgita

We are the sun  
We are fire, hotter than melted lava

We shine hot in Abu Dhabi  
and also in Australia

We keep the earth warm  
and help plants to grow

We glow yellow and orange  
and all the colours under the sun

At our hottest we are blue  
We are at the centre of all of you!

## **Mercury**

Reception: Esme, Scarlett, Farida and Dexter

My name is Mercury  
I can run super fast  
like a shooting star  
like a flash  
I have wrinkles on my surface  
like when you stay too long in the bath  
My core is made of iron  
and I am very hot  
I am the littlest planet  
but moon, I have not got!

## Venus

Year 1: Can, Anya, and Robyn

Look up at the sky  
wherever you are  
and you will see me  
the bright morning star

I'm a round red planet  
with hard rocky ground  
and bubbling boiling sizzling hot sand!

Exploding volcanoes  
*Dangerous acid clouds...*  
fiery hot rocks.

Listen...  
I'm Venus  
I'm loud!!!!

## Earth

Yr 2: Maya, Anna, Ash, Lexi, Celeste, Aaryan, Teyah

Maya: I am Earth  
Anna: I have light  
Ash: I have water  
Lexi: I have land  
Celeste: I have life!  
Aaryan: I spin day and night  
Teyah: but I turn slowly and carefully –  
Maya: I have precious animals and humans on board.  
Anna: I'm big  
Ash: and round  
Lexi: and colourful  
Celeste: there are blues and greens on my liquid surface  
Aaryan: and hot fire in my belly.  
Teyah: I enjoy hovering in space  
Maya: I love all the countries that I keep.  
Anna: Oxygen is my gift to you  
Ash: but you must help me  
Lexi: to keep it pure.  
Celeste: The sun is my protector  
Aaryan: my friend  
Teyah: the clouds are my bed  
Maya: the moon keeps me company  
Anna: and when it is bedtime we swap places.  
Ash: I live with the other planets  
Lexi: in the dark twinkly sky.

Everybody: I AM ASTONISHED... BY LIFE!!!

## Mars

Yr 3: Carmen, Eva, Christian

Welcome to me

My name is Mars

They also call me different names:

Ares, the Fire Star, Her Desher, the Red One

I may look red-hot but sometimes I feel the freezing cold  
on my top and on my bottom.

I have seasons just like you.

In my windy season I blow dust  
all around Olympus Mons...

Oh, did I tell you I have the tallest mountain in the whole solar  
system

and the largest dust storms

but actually I'm quite popular

I've had over forty visits from planet Earth

I'm not alone

I have my friends

Phobos and Deimos

they orbit me.

They have less gravity than me,

I have less gravity than you,

You could jump high on me!

## **Jupiter**

Yr 4: Emilia and Ayaan

I ... I Jupiter

I am the biggest! For what it's worth  
I am a thousand times more huge than Earth

Galileo named me for the god of light and sky  
I'm a gas giant, see me with your naked eye

a magnificent pool of silky silver

On my thigh I wear a red spot, a raging storm  
350 years of wind and ash and fire have done me harm

An army of moons surround me...Ganymede, Europa, Callisto, Io  
I am older than you will ever be, born 4.5 million years ago!

## Saturn

Yr 5: Monika, Anissa, Yusuf, Daisy, Enes, Hannah

- Monika: Who am I, you may well wonder  
a golden ball with a glistening glare?
- Enes: And why should I have all the beauty
- Daisy: mesmerising all who stare?
- Anissa: You may have seen me out at night,  
a spherical spotlight, heavenly divine.
- Monika: I do not rage and storm like some of you  
Anissa: Who really must be kept in line
- Hannah: And if my brightness does not amaze you,  
check out my fleet of floating moons.
- Daisy: Some 62 I have in total
- Hannah: My very own bunch of balloons
- Daisy: What's that, you're asking, about my rings?  
No I'm not married, though I don't know why.
- Anissa: I've been admired since ancient times,
- Yusuf: 'that mystical creature in the sky!'
- Yusuf: My name is Saturn, though I will not be sat on  
I spin and flow and turn in space
- Enes: Catch me next time I come your way  
Each 29 years you'll see my face.

## Uranus

6K: Nikolas and Islimada

You can know the fairy names of my moons:  
Titania, Oberon, Miranda, Ariel, Umbriel –  
But not my secrets, my 13 invisible rings  
and my 22 unknown, unnamed lunar bodies.  
Bathed in gaseous blues and greens  
You can't rush me, you can't change me, I can't be seen –  
but let me illuminate, I like to lie relaxed on my side  
as I orbit the sun, and I will take my time to do it.  
Slow and sloth-like, unrevealing  
I have a dark side.  
My true identity is written in the heavens  
after the ancient god of the sky  
Let astronomers, poets and playwrights name us  
I am the seventh planet, Uranus!

## Neptune

6W: Deborah and Abir

You know a lot about me, but not everything  
I can be noticed when I want to (*Voyager 2, Voyager 2*)  
A stranger in this Galaxy; that's me.  
I'm not from here. Furthest away,  
I was once closer to home – warmth, hope and light.  
I am alone, lost and cold.  
If I could I would go back to the warmth.  
No life on me...or so you think!  
I have 15 guards and five ice rings. What else do I need?  
My heart of rock is solid – gives me strength to withstand isolation  
Still, turmoil exists – trouble surrounds me  
Spinning, whirling, twirling... the Great Dark Spot.  
Yet I rule the sea, as dark as can be  
I take over the waves, I fish the stars  
Forget about Mars!