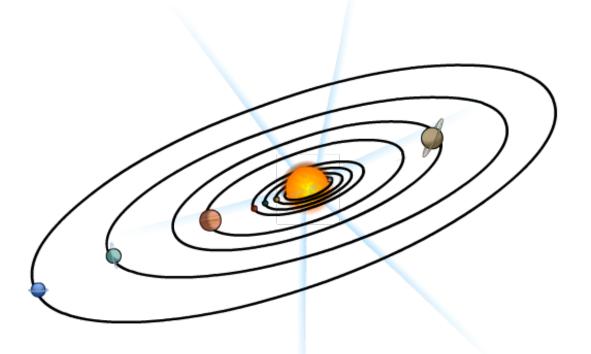




This is our Solar System:



What is it made of and how do we know?
Whereabouts do we live in it? Let's find out...





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If you were to look at stars in the sky on a cloudless night, you might see that they make patterns.

Patterns of stars in the sky are called constellations.

This one is called the **Big Dipper**.



Over time, constellations appear to move across the sky. This is an illusion caused by the rotation of the Earth. The stars themselves do not move at all.





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When you look at the stars in the sky, they seem very small. What if we wanted to see them in more detail?

We can use a piece of equipment called a telescope to view the stars in more detail.

A telescope **magnifies** the objects in the sky, so they appear larger to our eyes.







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