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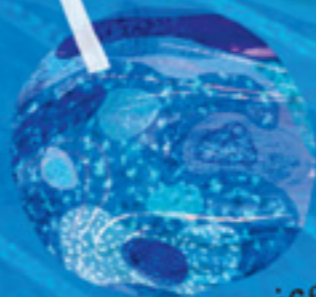


The Kuiper Belt lies beyond Neptune. Lots of small, icy objects are here, such as the dwarf planet Pluto.

NEPTUNE
2.7 billion KM from Earth



URANUS
2.6 billion KM from Earth



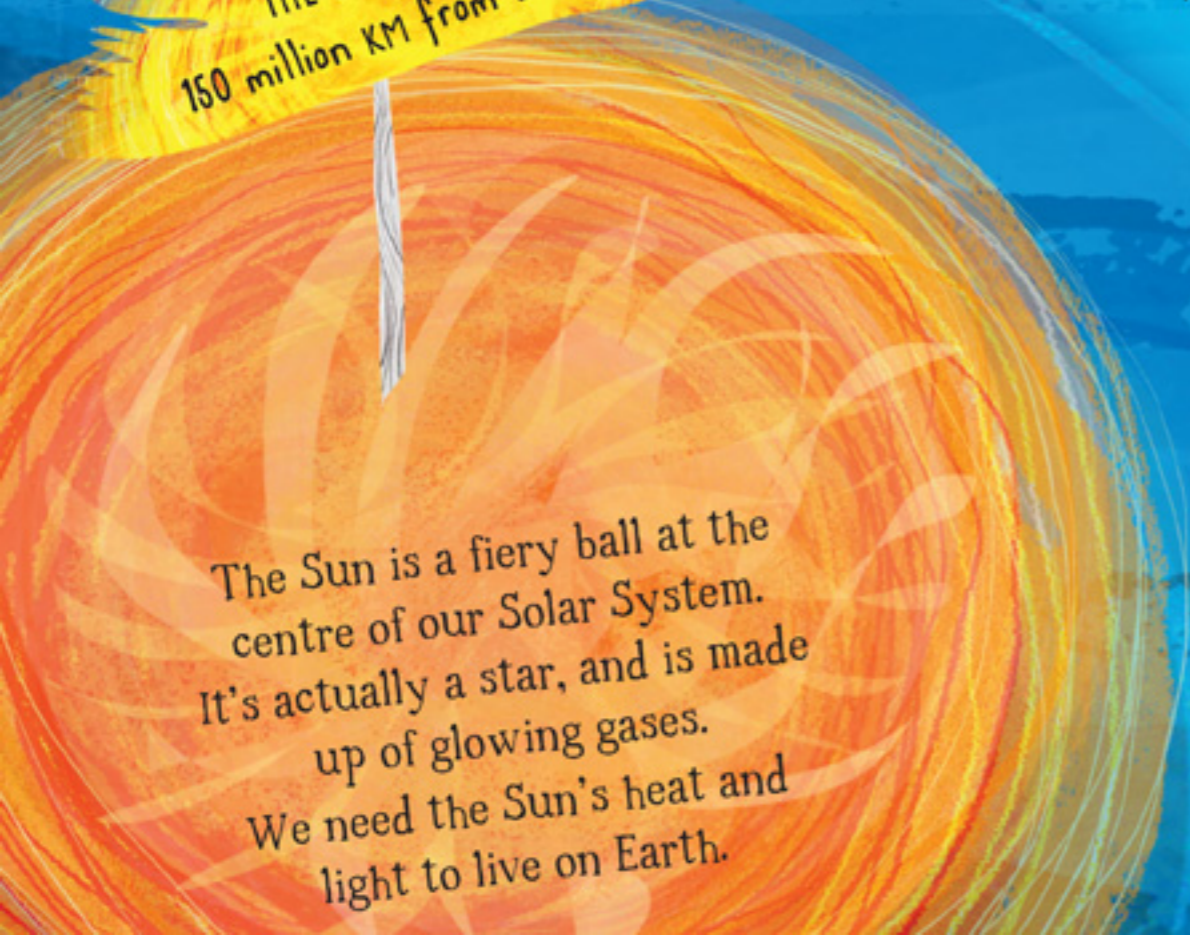
Uranus is an ice giant!
It has a rocky centre but most of the planet is an icy mixture.

SATURN
1.2 billion KM from Earth



Saturn has amazing rings around it, made of pieces of ice and rock.
It's also got at least 62 moons!

THE SUN
150 million KM from Earth



The Sun is a fiery ball at the centre of our Solar System. It's actually a star, and is made up of glowing gases. We need the Sun's heat and light to live on Earth.

NEIL GEHRELS
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OBSERVATORY



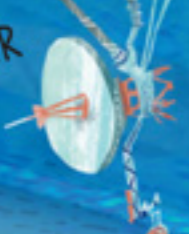
JUPITER
588 million KM from Earth



That big red spot is a huge storm in the planet's atmosphere, the size of Earth.

Now let's travel even further, out of our Solar System and beyond!

VOYAGER



Neptune is the furthest planet from the Sun. It takes 165 Earth years for it to orbit the Sun once.

The twin Voyager space probes were sent to explore the Solar System far away from Earth. They were launched in 1977 and are still sending information back to scientists!