



THE SOLAR SYSTEM

The Solar System was formed 4,7 billions years ago. At the beginning it was a thin disk of dust and gases which spiralled around. Later gravity caused the formative of the Sun and planets. There are eight planets in the system. The order from the Sun : Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune. There used to be nine planets but the furthest from the Sun Pluto was decided to be too small to be a planet in 2006.

THE PLANETS

The planets can be dividend into two groups. The first – Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars are called terrastrial planets brouse they are made mostly of rocks and hard substances. The second- Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune are called gas giants and are made of ice and gases.

THE EARTH

The Earth is the fifth largest planet. Our planet is named after the Ancient Greek goddess of mountains and streams. Earth and Mars are the only planets that are the right distance from the Sun so that it is not too hot or too cold to support life.