



Did you know that...?

- we live in a galaxy called the Milky Way
- the Milky Way is one of billions of galaxies in the universe
- the Milky Way is made up of over 200 billion stars

Other facts about the Milky Way

- The Sun is just one of the stars in the Milky Way.
- It is called the Milky Way because when astronomers looked up at the sky, they saw a line of light that looked like some milk had been spilt.
- Stars in our Milky Way can be white, yellow or red. White stars are the hottest and red are the coolest.
- It takes light over 100,000 years to travel from one side of the Milky Way to the other.
- There is a black hole in the centre of the Milky Way.
- The oldest star in our Milky Way is about 13.2 billion years old.
- It is shaped like two fried eggs stuck together!

When can you see the Milky Way?

- In the Northern Hemisphere the best time to see it is between July and September.
- If you live in the Southern Hemisphere, watch out for it between October and December.

