

Spiky's Colourful Day

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The sun shines so bright,
What a day to play!
Could I go out
And play today?

Of course, but if
To have fun you hope,
You could help me fix
Our old telescope!

That sounds so dull
And grey and grim. I
much prefer skipping
In fields less dim.

Off you go then,
Have lots of fun.
But be back before
The set of the sun!

Oh my what a day,
The colours are vibrant!
The green grass is full
Of busy red ants!



The bright yellow flowers
Twinkle with blue dew.
And striped fuzzy bees
Admiring the view!





The stream is cerulean
With glints here and there.
Small glistening pebbles with
their silvery glare.

Oh my, the sun's setting, I
must get home soon.
But as I look around
The land's covered in gloom!





Hello little one,
How was your day?
Was it as fun
As you usually say?

It was for a while,
But then it went bad.
The beautiful colours
Have now gone. I'm so sad!

The dew doesn't glisten,
The pebbles don't shine.
The ants go home to
Their underground mine.



Don't worry my dear,
Just look out the window. The
moon shines as bright As the
pebbles, kiddo!

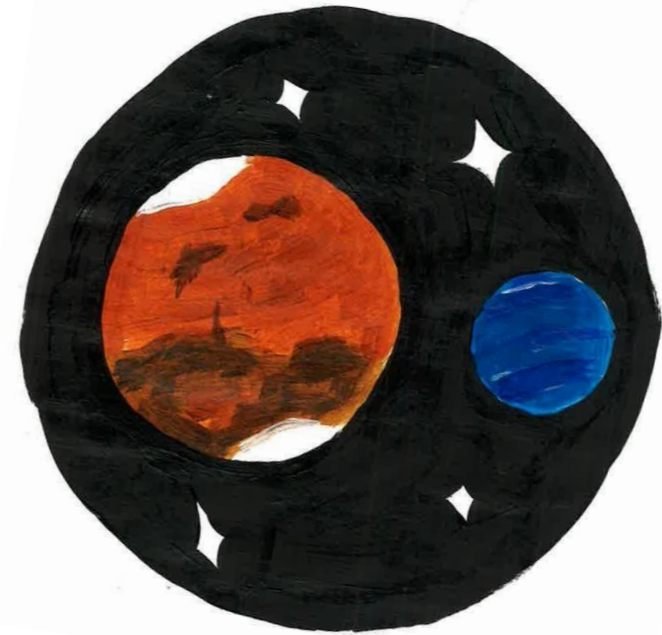
Come up to the roof
And see what I've been doing.
I think you'll be surprised
At what you'll be viewing.



Look into the eyepiece.
What do you see?
Is it perhaps striped
Like a plump bumble bee?



I see it! I see it!
And another that's yellow!
It's like the sunflowers,
But a bit more mellow



And another, much redder,
Next to the one small and blue,
Like the busy worker ant!
And the droplet of dew!



And now, you finally see,
Nature being colourful is a guarantee.
Whether on Earth or in space,
Wouldn't you agree?

The End

Glossary:

Vibrant: brightly coloured.

Cerulean: sky blue.

Glistening: shining by reflecting light.

Glint: a brilliant flash of reflection.

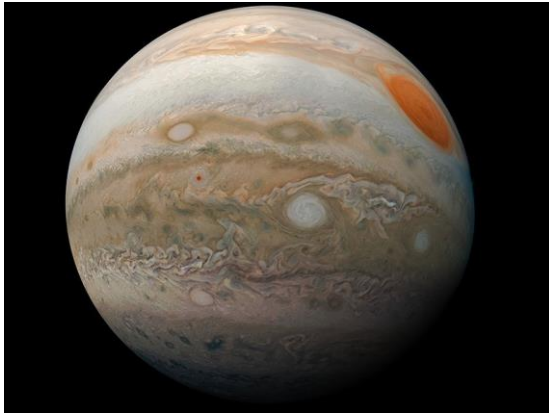
Glare: a blinding light.

Gloom: semi-darkness.

Eyepiece: the lens that is looked through of a telescope, microscope, etc.

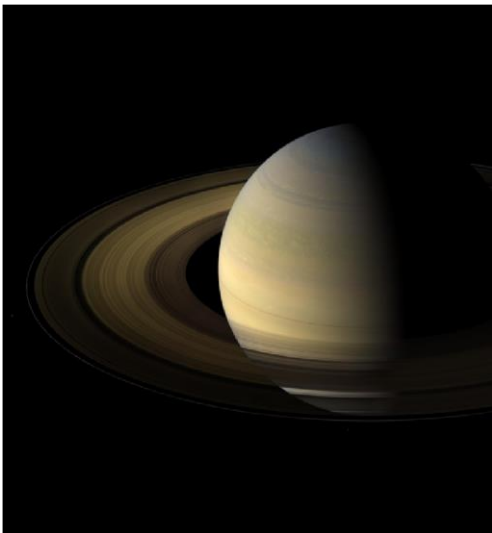
Planets (in order of appearance):

Jupiter:



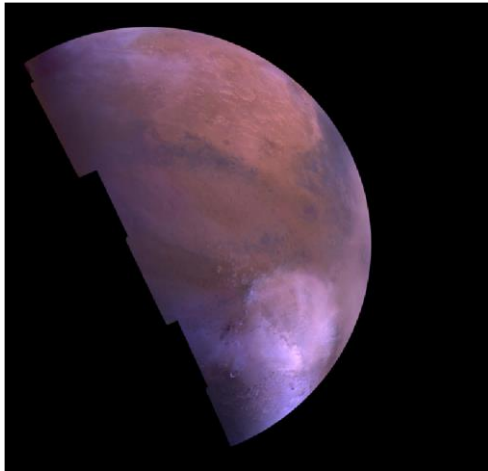
Jupiter is the fifth closest planet to the Sun in our Solar system, called a gas-giant (as it is made of different gases). It is also the biggest, heavier than all the other planets put together. The big red spot is a great storm bigger than our own planet Earth.

Saturn:



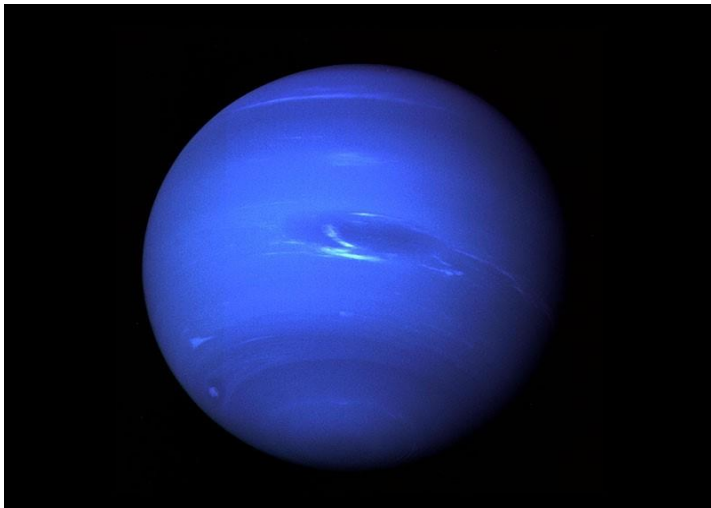
Saturn is the sixth closest planet from the Sun, and the second biggest. Another gas-giant, it has many many thin rings orbiting around it that give it its unusual look. These rings are mostly made of small chunks of ice and rock.

Mars:



The fourth closest planet to our Sun, Mars is a dusty red planet with ice in the north and south poles. It is the most explored by humans, as two rovers have been on its surface. Mars also has two moons, named after the sons of Ares, the Greek name for Mars.

Neptune:



The furthest planet from the Sun in our Solar System, Neptune is the only planet that can't be seen without a telescope at night. It also has thin rings, but not as visible as Saturn's. Even though it was named after the god of the sea, Neptune is not made of liquid.

References:

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