

Astronomy

Astronomy comes from two Greek words: ‘*astron*’² in English - meaning star; and ‘*nomos*’³ meaning law. It translates as law of the stars.

Astronomy is the study of stars, galaxies, planets, moons and asteroids; that is anything outside the Earth’s atmosphere.

A constellation is a group of stars which form a distinct pattern, traditionally named after Greek gods, goddesses or animals. Some of these would only appear at certain months of the year and would help people determine the time of the year and signal to farmers when to plant crops.



Cats looking up at the constellation called Pisces, named after two Greek gods who turned into fish and swam away from danger

² written as “ἄστρον” in Greek

³ written as “νόμος” in Greek