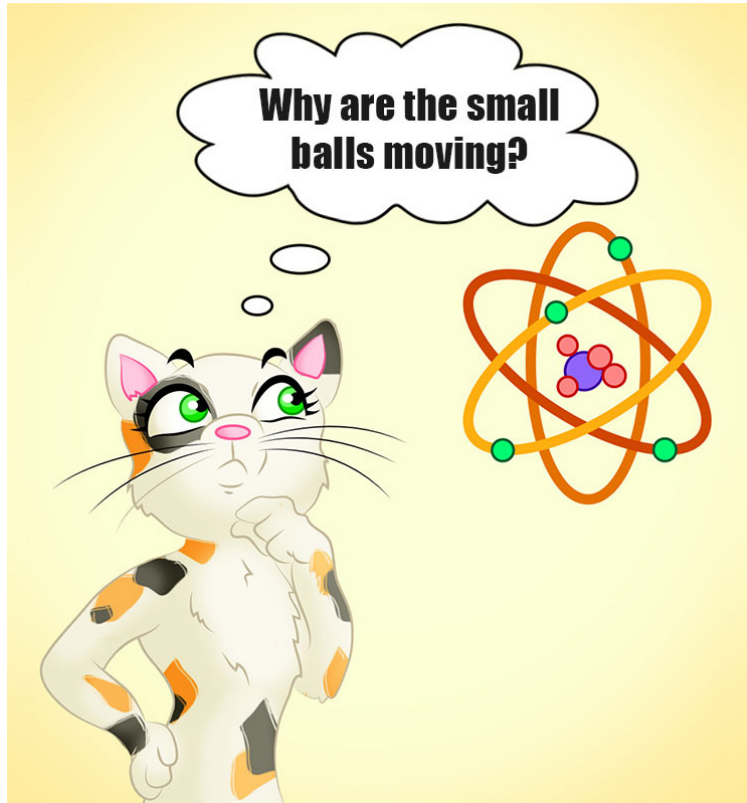


Science comes from the Latin word *scīre* = to know - as science is about finding things out through observation and experiments.

Around 5BC, ancient Greek philosophers thought that the world was made up of tiny particles that no-one could see called atoms (from the Greek word 'atomos' - meaning indivisible, as atoms usually cannot be broken down any further).



Hippocrates, an ancient Greek physician, is known as the father of western medicine as he introduced the study of diseases. Previously they were seen as caused by gods or superstition.

Latin became the international language of science and medicine in Europe due to the influence of the Roman empire.