

Alien Adventure!

On Thursday 4th November Year 2 were visited by some experts from Fort Victoria with some very special equipment because the topic they were studying was all about space!

As a part of their Alien Adventure, Paul and his team brought Fort Victoria's Telarium and Planetarium into school.

While one class were experiencing space in the inflatable planetarium, the other were exploring earth with the telarium.

First the children met a purple plastic alien and had a good look at the telarium set up in the middle of the classroom.



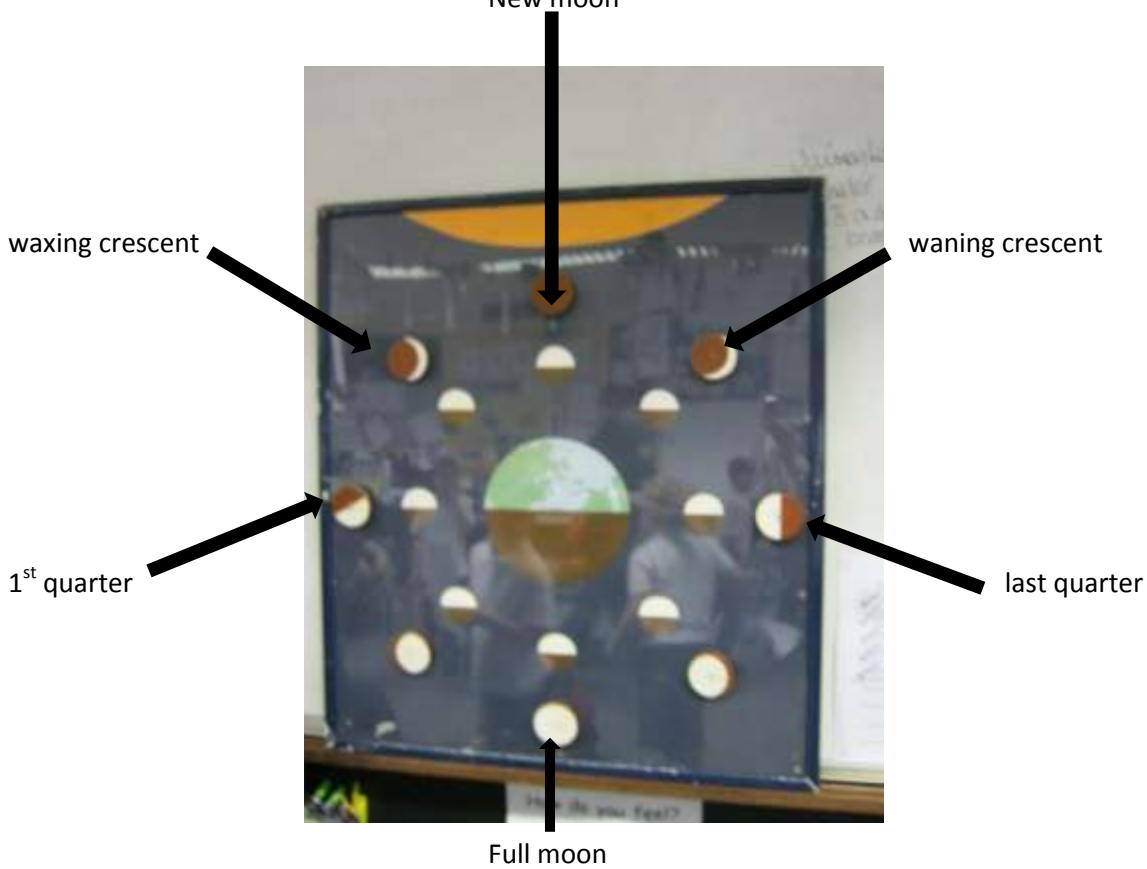
Then the children were shown how the earth spins on its axis in orbit around the sun and why we have seasons



Next the children worked out the phases of the moon and learnt all the correct vocabulary: crescent, gibbous, waxing and waning. They also found out the word 'month' used to be 'moonth' because it takes 28 days for the moon to orbit earth, which is about a month!



New moon



The moon is always there, but only the part which the sun shines on can be seen.

Finally we went into the planetarium for a trip around our solar system!



The whole morning was amazing and a great start to the children's Alien Adventure!