

Primary Assembly



Be informed.



Be curious.



Be heard.

Your latest results: “Should school holidays be spread out?”



Yes

46.1%

No

53.9%

“Autumn term is too long. It would be good to have more time off in autumn.”
Maple Medical PRU

“It would be fair to have a two-week break in October because the autumn term is too long and exhausting.”
Ladypool Primary School

“I don’t think that the school holidays should be spread out as I don’t want to change something that we are used to.”
Barton Hill Academy

“If the holidays are spread out, you won’t have enough time to rest and relax when the weather is nice.”
Norbridge Academy

48,444 young people voted this week! Were you one of them?

Your views on “Should school holidays be spread out?” were also heard by:

Parentkind
Bringing together home & school



Simon Calder
(Travel Expert)

Parentkind



National
Association for
Primary Education



Jeremy Miles
(MS, Wales)

Hays Travel

Hays Travel



Be informed.



Be curious.



Be heard.

Want to share your views with us? Share your votes and comments by logging into your VotesforSchools account. You can also get in touch at primary@votesforschools.com

Thought of the week:

What can we
see in the
night sky?



The **winter break** is over. It's still **cold**, but something **quite incredible** is still in full swing. Even better, it isn't expected to end until early **April**.

Say what you see...

What can people see lighting up the skies in Northern European countries until early April?





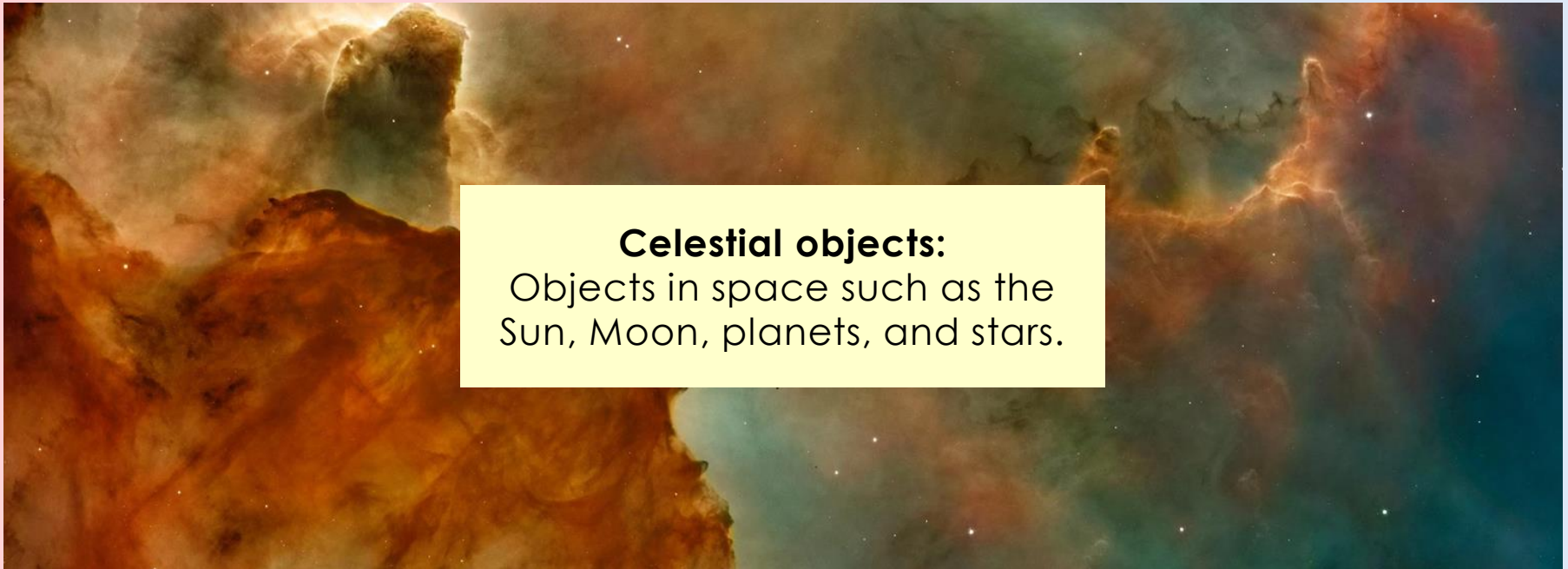
We're talking about the **Northern Lights**, also known as the **Aurora Borealis**! They are a stunning display of **glowing, swirling lights** in the night sky that have **amazed** people for **thousands of years**. Every year, **the Northern Lights** appear across **Northern European** countries.

Did you know?

The places where you're most likely to see the Northern Lights in the UK are Scotland, Northern Ireland and Northern England.



There are many other **incredible natural objects** that appear in our **night sky**. Some of them are seen **occasionally**, others might be **once a century**. They are sometimes known as “**celestial objects**”.



This week, your lessons will focus on whether **life exists** on other **planets**. Today, you will discover some incredible **celestial objects**. **Comets, eclipses, stars...** Take a deep breath and strap yourselves in!

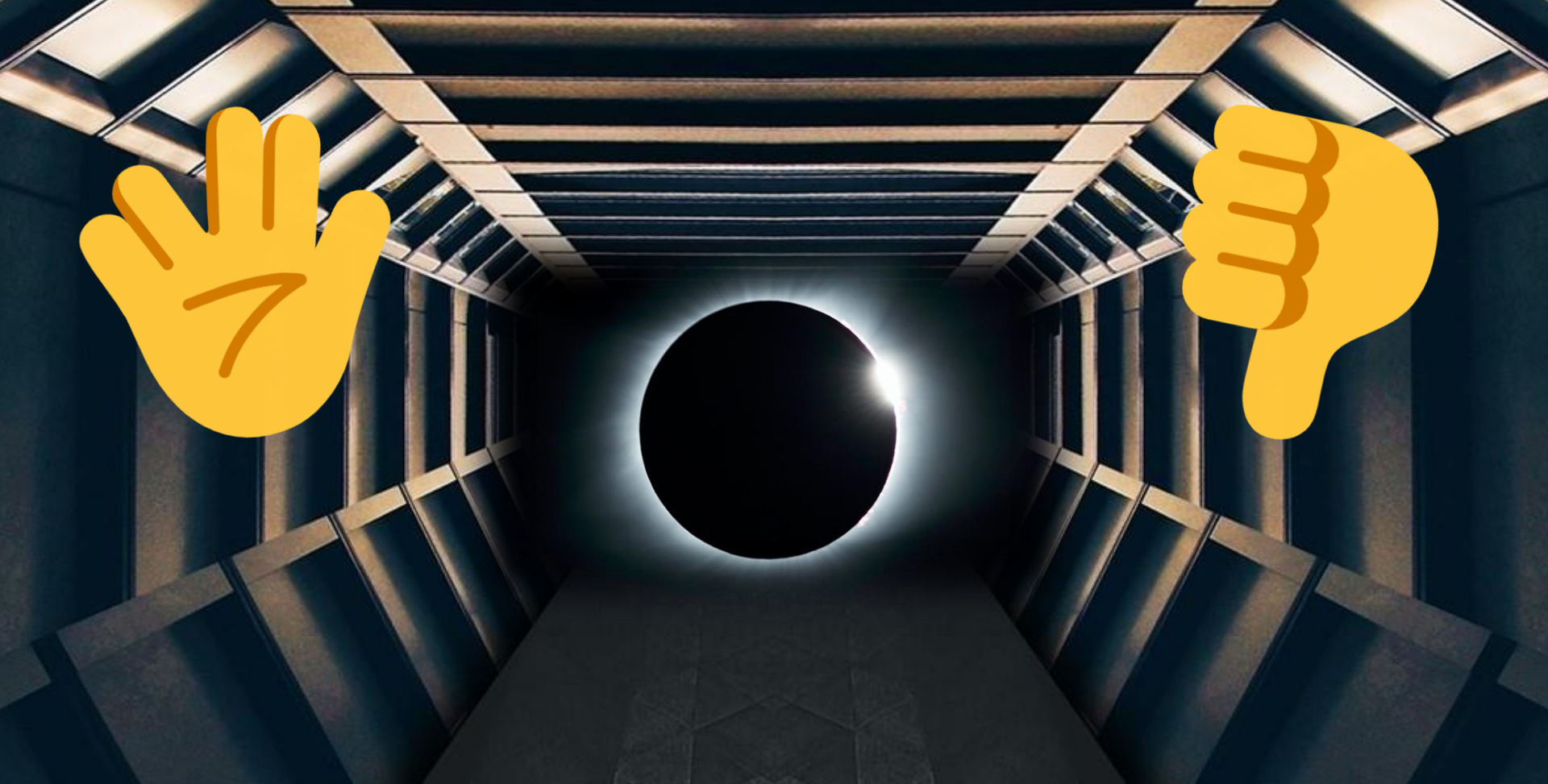


3,2,1... Lift off!
Over the next few slides, you are going to explore celestial objects. If you've heard of the object, make the **Vulcan sign**. If you haven't, put a **thumb down**.





Halley's Comet is considered the **most famous** comet in history. As a "periodic" comet, it can be seen from Earth about every 75 years. It last passed by in **1986**, and it is thought it will be visible again in **2061**. Don't forget to save the date!



On 8th April 2024, a **total eclipse** will cross **North America**, passing over **Mexico**, the **United States**, and **Canada**. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the sun and Earth, **completely blocking** the face of the Sun.



Constellation:
A group of stars.

One of the most well-known constellations in the sky is **Orion the Hunter**. Among **Orion's** features is the "belt" made up of three stars in a line.



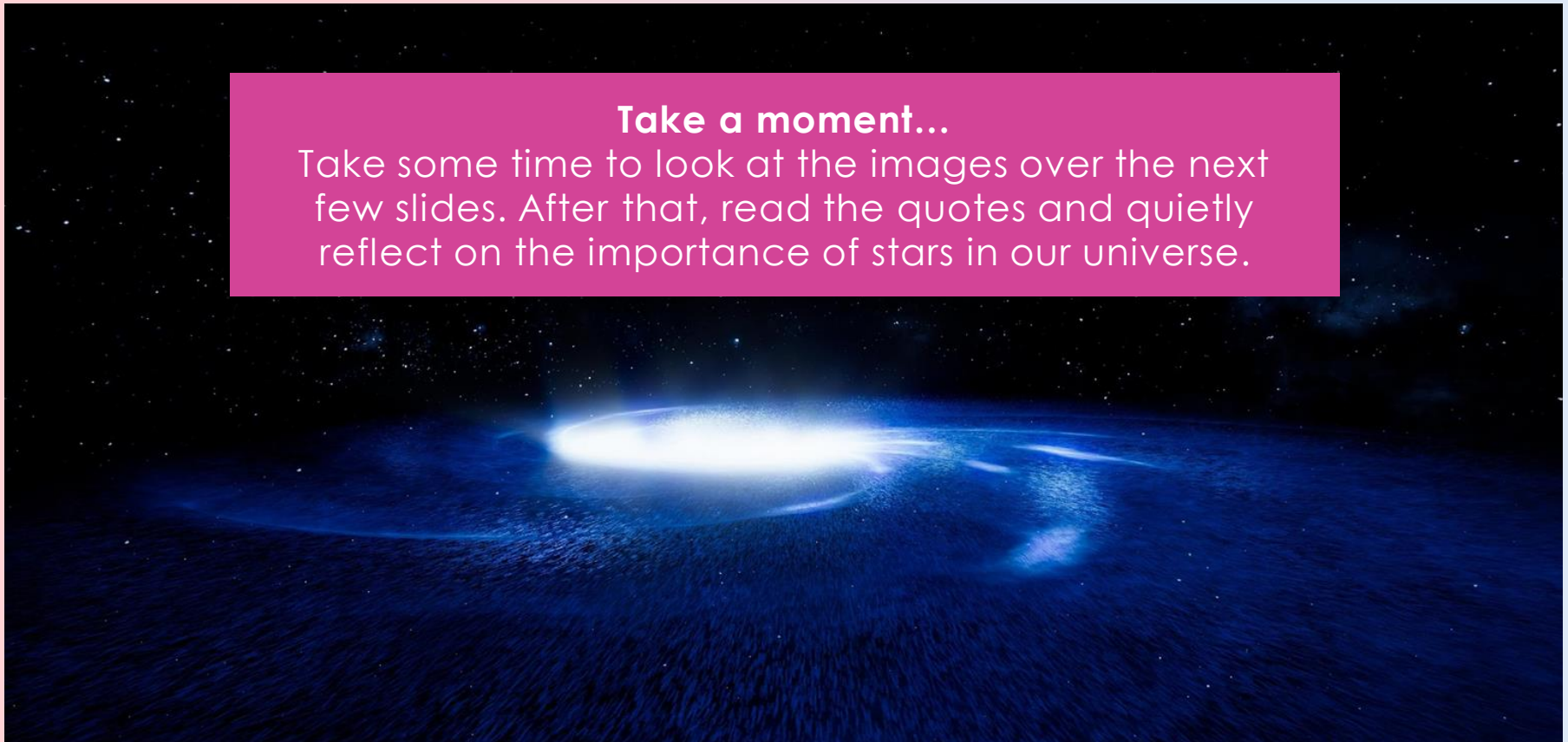
Our **Sun** and all the **planets** around it are part of a galaxy known as the **Milky Way**. A galaxy is a collection of gas, dust, and billions of stars and their solar systems, all held together by gravity. The stars we see at night are part of the **Milky Way**.



There are **different times and places** that are best for an evening spent **stargazing**. Being **away from city lights** can be helpful and so can **clear, cloudless night skies**.

Take a moment...

Take some time to look at the images over the next few slides. After that, read the quotes and quietly reflect on the importance of stars in our universe.



When we look out into
space, we are looking into
our own origins, because we
are truly children of the stars.

Brian Cox



I do believe there is life out there, because it's a numbers game. There are billions of stars in our galaxy and there are 200 billion galaxies, so why would life just be here?

Maggie Aderin-Pocock



**Not only do we
live among the
stars, the stars
live within us.**

Neil Degrasse Tyson



Watch the
stars, and from
them learn.

Albert Einstein

This week you're discussing: "Do you think alien life exists?"

Yes

Alien life might not look like how we expect it to, but I think life must exist outside of Earth.

If there are at least 16 Goldilocks planets, there must be one with alien life on it.

If there is life on Earth, there could be life somewhere else.

We don't know much about these planets. We'll never know if there are animals or plants living on them.

I can't imagine what is out there, it is too big to think about.

If there are aliens, where are they? Wouldn't they have come to Earth by now?

No

Join the national conversation by logging into your VotesforSchools account or sharing your thoughts with your teacher!