

## Teacher notes

# Year 4 Composition:

## A report on ‘The Planets’ by Gustav Holst

To organise paragraphs around a theme

In this lesson, pupils will organise information about the planets in our solar system to create paragraphs.

This pack includes:

- › Teacher slides
- › Fact cards about the planets
- › Paragraph planning sheet
- › Planet themed writing paper

### Revisit

What is a paragraph? Discuss this as a class.

Look at the information on [slide 3](#). Which sentences could we group together to create a paragraph about planet Earth?

The information is organised into a paragraph on [slide 4](#).

### Teach

Explain that when we write, it is important to group related information to form paragraphs, as this helps to organise our writing.

Look at the information on [slide 5](#). How could we group this information?

[Slide 6](#) shows the information organised into two groups of related information. Ask pupils to write examples of suitable headings for each group of information.

Model using that information to write a short paragraph about one of the planets, showing pupils how to use pronouns to avoid repeating the planet’s name.

## Apply

Activity	Teaching points	Notes
1) Grouping information – <i>shown on slide 7</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As a class, or in small groups, read the <i>planet fact cards</i> and group related information together.</li> <li>➤ Once organised, think about a suitable heading for each group.</li> </ul>	
2) Planning a paragraph – <i>shown on slide 8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pupils should choose one planet that they would like to write about.</li> <li>➤ Using the <i>planning worksheet</i>, pupils should collect information from the <i>fact cards</i> about their chosen planet, writing the name of their planet in the centre. They could use books or the internet to find additional facts.</li> </ul>	
3) Writer's Craft – <i>shown on slide 9</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pupils use facts from their <i>planning sheet</i> to write a paragraph about their planet. <i>Themed writing paper</i> is included.</li> </ul>	
Further tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Look at examples of non-fiction writing. Find examples of how headings are used to help organise information.</li> </ul>	