

# **Knowledge Organiser: Year 6 Light**

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# **Lesson Sequence**



1. Explore how light travels



2. Explore reflection



3. Explore reflection and explain how it can be used to help see things



4. Investigate how shadows can change

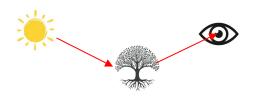


5. Investigate how we can show why shadows have the same shape as the object that cast them



6. Explore light phenomena

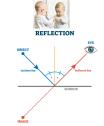
## **How We See**



Light travels in straight lines. The light rays from a light source reflect off the object we are looking at. The light travels in a straight line and enters the eye through our pupil.

# **Bending Light**

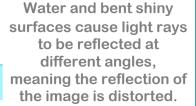
look in a mirror.



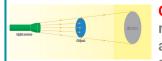
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Reflection

### Refraction



#### **Shadows**



Opaque objects block the light rays so they can only travel around the edges of the object in straight lines. That is why a shadow is the same shape as the object.

The closer an object is to the light source, the bigger the shadow.

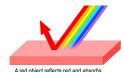
The further away the object is from the shadow, the smaller the shadow.

#### **Colours**



White light is made up of the colours of the rainbow. When light is refracted through a transparent object, a rainbow is formed.

## Absorption and reflection of light





A white object reflects all colors of white light equally



An object is seen as black if it absorbs all colors of white light











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Add arrows to the diagram below to show how we see things.







Use these words to help you write an explanation of how we see:

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Describe how a puppet's shadow changes if it is moved closer to a light source.

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Label the statements below 'reflection' or 'refraction'.

Light reflects off shiny, bright or light surfaces. That is why you can see your reflection when you look in a mirror.

Water and bent shiny surfaces cause light rays to be reflected at different angles, meaning the reflection of the image is distorted.

True (T) or False (F)?	
Light rays reflect off shiny surfaces.	
Light travels in wavy lines.	
An iPhone is a light source.	
The moon is a light source.	
White light is made up of 5 different colours.	
Green objects look green because the green is reflected into our eyes, but the other colours are absorbed by the object.  Why doesn't glass create a shadowhen a light source is shining on	















Yadne	opaque	A material that does not let light pass through.
ysansparent	transparent	A material that lets all light pass through it.
	translucent	A material that lets some light pass through it
Sec.	reflection	A mirror image caused by rays of light reflecting off an image onto a reflective surface then into our pupils.
METACTION TO	reflects	Bounces off.
<u>1</u>	light source	Any man made or natural means of producing light.
Refraction	refraction	Where light rays are reflected of an uneven surface at irregular angles, causing an illusion.
	light ray	Beams of light that travel from a light source in straight lines.
	pupil	The black part of the eye that is a hole.
	angle	An angle is formed when 2 straight lines meet at a common point.