

Did you know?

- In 1803 Luke Howard (1772–1864) invented his classification of clouds. He used Latin words to describe their characteristics:
 - *Cirrus* – tufts or wisps
 - *Stratus* – a layer
 - *Nimbus* – rain-bearing
 - *Cumulus* – a heap or pile
- A rainbow appears when light is reflected and refracted through millions of water droplets, such as rain!
- Rainbows appear when rain and sunshine happen at the same time. To see a rainbow, you must stand with your back to the Sun.
- During the winter months, one year ends and a new year begins. The days are shorter and can be very cold.
- In the summertime, the Sun rises early in the morning and sets later in the evening. The days get slightly warmer.
- Never look straight at the Sun because it will damage your eyes.
- In autumn, leaves fall off the trees and hedges.
- A lightning flash takes only half a second. That's fast!
- Although tornadoes can occur at any time of year, most of them happen in the springtime.
- Fog is just a cloud that forms at ground level.
- A hurricane is a HUGE storm! It can be up to 600 miles across. Its strong winds spiral inward and upward at speeds of up to 200 miles per hour.
- We all love sunshine but take care – heat stroke is a life-threatening condition.

