

WHAT IS A LEAP YEAR?

The Earth orbits the sun for approximately 365.25 days every year (known as our solar year).

We round the days in a calendar year to 365 days.

Every 4 years, the 6 hours in a day that we have missed is added to our calendar and we get one additional day (29 February).

This is called a leap year.





Why is a leap year so important?

It makes sure that our calendar year matches our solar year

What does this mean?

Those extra 6 hours each year would add up to days, weeks and even months.

Our seasons would start to drift and we would land up with December taking place in our colder months.