

Science – Year 3 Light

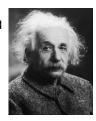
Vocabulary		
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Light	Light Source	Transparent
Dark	Reflect	Translucent
Eye	Refract	Opaque
Mirror	Visible	Natural
Shadow	Invisible	Artificial
Ray	Emit	UV Light

Useful Resources

- 'Feely bags'
- Torches to create and investigate shadows
- Prisms and shadow puppets
- Materials to investigate reflectivity

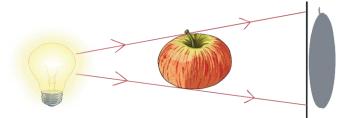
Key Scientists:

Albert Einstein (1879-1955) – was a German scientist who discovered that light always travels at a constant speed, regardless of how fast you're moving when you measure it.



When the light rays hit the smooth mirror, they all bounce off at the same angle, creating a clear reflection. When the light rays hit a rough surface, they scatter in all different directions, so it doesn't reflect well.

Shadows are formed when light is blocked



Key Questions/Facts

Why do we need light?

- We can see objects because our eyes can sense light.
- A light source creates light, such as a lamp or the sun.

What is dark?

- Dark is the absence of light.
- If there is no light from a light source, it will be dark.

What is a shadow?

- •Shadows are created when an opaque object blocks light.
- •The light cannot go through or around the object, so a darker patch of less light is created behind the object.

What is a reflection?

•Reflection is when light bounces off an object.

How does light travel?

• Light can only travel in a straight line.

How does light travel?

- •The sun emits (gives out) rays of light.
- •A type of light emitted from the sun is called UV light, which is invisible to humans.
- •UV light is dangerous to our eyes and skin.
- •You should never look directly at the sun.
- •You should wear sunglasses and suncream to protect your eyes and skin.