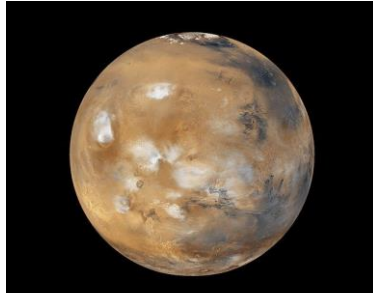


# Oscars Space Facts Sheet

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## Mars



Mars is the fourth planet from the sun and is known as the red planet, the planet appears red because of the iron in its rocks are oxidizing and dust on the planet gives it a rust colour.

Mars is believed to be around 4.603 billion years old and is named after the Roman God of war.

It is believed that in its early years of life its surface was covered by a third of water, water still exists there to this day in the way of ice which can be seen on its north pole.

So how big is Mars, well Mars is not that big and is only just over half the size of Earth

Mars is of great interest to us on Earth along with its two moons Deimos, Phobos and has been for many years.



## DID YOU KNOW ?

It takes over 3 months to travel to Mars from Earth and over the years earth have sent 4 robotic vehicles called Rovers

## Facts and Figures

- Fourth Planet from the Sun
- Orbits the Sun at 67,000 miles per hour
- Named after the Roman God of War
- Mars is cold with temperatures of minus 60 degrees Celsius
- Mars is 227.9 Million miles away from the Sun.
- Mars has two Moons
- Half the size of Earth
- It takes 687 Days for Mars to orbit the Sun