Key vocabulary	
light source	A natural or artificial source of
	light.
straight lines	Light travels in straight lines.
light ray	Each line of light travelling in a
	straight line from its place of
	origin.
reflect	To throw back light from a
	surface.
shadow	A dark area created where light
	from a light source is blocked by
	an object. The object blocking
	the light will be opaque or
	translucent.

Light travels in a straight line:



Light – Year 6

Significant scientists		
Abu Ali al-Hasan	Alhazan was an Iranian	
(Alhazen)	mathematician, astronomer	
(965-1040)	and physicist. He was the	
	pioneer of modern optics.	
	He carried out experiments	
1621	with pinhole cameras and	
a million	candles and explained how	
	the image is formed by rays	
	of light travelling in straight	
AND A	lines.	
Ben Jensen	Ben Jensen is an inventor at	
	Surrey NanoSystems Ltd and	
	developed Vantablack, a	
	super-black coating that	
AL CONTRACTOR	holds the world record as	
	the darkest human-made	
A P	substance.	
1 * · I · · · · · · · · · · · ·		

Light may come directly from a light source.





For objects that are not a light source, light must be reflected from the object into our eye for us to see the object:



Shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them:



Information relating to 'famous scientists' adapted from work by Alex Sinclair & Amy Strachan of St Mary's University