Astronomy Crossword Puzzle

Test your knowledge of stars, planets and more as you complete this interesting science crossword puzzle. Clues are on the next page. There are no spaces between words in the puzzle.
Across

1. The name of our galaxy
4. A very small star
6. The planet closest to Earth
9. The "Red Planet"
10. The planet closest to the Sun
11. Number of stars in the Big Dipper
13. The distance light travels in one year
17. An instrument that makes distant objects look larger and closer
19. The spinning of the Earth on its axis
20. Small rocky objects that revolve around the sun, mostly in the area between Mars and Jupiter

Down

2. A scientist who studies stars and planets
3. A star much larger than our sun
5. A group of stars with a definite pattern or arrangement
7. A star's brightness is called its ______.
8. The largest planet in our solar system
12. Another name for the North Star
14. A large group of stars, gas and dust
15. The movement of the Earth around the Sun
16. The planet with rings
18. A mass of material with a long tail that travels around the Sun