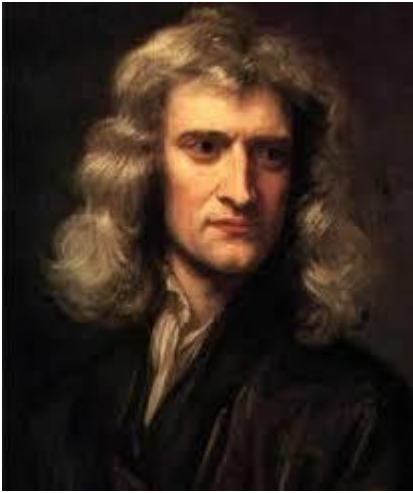


Isaac Newton



Isaac Newton was born on January 4, 1643, in Woolsthorpe, Lincolnshire, England. His father, also called Isaac Newton, was a farmer who died three months before he was born. After his mother, Hannah Asycough, remarried, Newton spent most of his early years with his grandmother. He was actually expelled at the age of 12 for fighting with another kid! Newton's education was disrupted when his mother was widowed a second time as she decided that her son should manage her property, the farm. Newton didn't have any interest in farming and he would just curl up under a tree with a book. He was sent back to grammar school in Grantham where he had already studied, to prepare for university.

In 1661, Newton went to Cambridge University. He had to leave Cambridge from 1665-1667 due to the Great Plague, and spent these 2 years at home developing his theories on calculus, gravity, and the laws of motion. In 1669, Newton became the warden of the Royal Mint in London, which he took very seriously and tried to get rid of corruption. In 1703, he was elected as president of the Royal Society and in 1705, he was knighted by Queen Anne.

Isaac Newton had achieved many things. He discovered The Law of Universal Gravitation when an apple fell on his head. This led him to a conclusion that 'anything that goes up must come down.' Do you know what happened to the tree? King's School in Grantham, Lincolnshire, apparently bought it and moved it to its own garden. He also discovered the Law of Motion. The unit of force is named after him. He also invented the reflecting telescope where he used mirrors to reflect light. It is still used today.

He died at the age of 84 on 20 March 1727 peacefully in his sleep, and was buried in Westminster Abbey in England. Apparently after he died, mercury was found in his hair from all the experiments he used to do. Since mercury is poisonous, a lot of people thought this was why he acted a little crazy later on in his life. He never had a wife or any children, he just lived his life focusing on his passion.