**Did you know?**

In 2022, a NASA mission called **DART** successfully targeted the asteroid **Dimorphos**, to see if it could change its orbit. Although Dimorphos does not risk hitting the Earth, this mission was an important **planetary defence test**, to check if we are able to deflect an incoming asteroid if it posed a planetary risk.

Later this year, ESA’s **Hera** mission will launch and start its journey to the same asteroid, to check the results of **DART**. **Hera** is set to reach Dimorphos in 2026.

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