

Carr Head Primary School - Knowledge Organiser

History Topic






Events beyond Living Memory: History of Space Travel

Year 2

Spring Term 1



Timeline of Historical Events

1947	First animals sent to space . They were fruit flies sent on some corn.
1949	The first monkey is sent to space .
1955	The Space Race begins between Russia and America
1957	The first animal goes around the Earth in space . It is a dog named Laika.
1961	First man in space 
1963	First woman in space 
1969	Moon Landing. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first people to walk on the moon. The first words they said were, "The Eagle has landed."
1991	Helen Sharman becomes the first British astronaut in space . 
2001	First space tourist .
2015	Scientists find evidence of water on Mars. 
2015	Tim Peake became the first British astronaut to visit the International Space station. 

Key Knowledge

Why was the Apollo 11 moon landing so important?

Before the Apollo 11 **flight mission**, people had been in **space** as part of the **Space Race** but had not yet been to the moon.

This was to be the next step in **space travel**

On July 16th 1969, Saturn 5, was **launched**. There were three American **astronauts** on board; Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins.

It took four days to reach the moon.

Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon. Buzz Aldrin joined him 19 minutes later.

They **gathered** moon dirt and rocks to bring back to Earth.

They also took photographs to show what the moon was like.

The moon landing was important because it told us that people could **travel** there and back safely. It would also help us find out more about **space** and the moon.

Neil Armstrong **famously** said, "One small step for man, one giant step for mankind."

Knowledge and understanding of the past events, people and changes in the past.

Key Vocabulary

after	later in time than, or behind in order
astronaut	a person trained to take part in space flight
before	at an earlier time; in the past
evidence	something that gives proof
famous	recognised or liked by the public.
flight	an act of passing through air or space by flying
gather	collect things together
history	everything that has happened in the past to people or things
launch	to put in motion
mission	a particular task or duty
scientist	someone who has studied science and whose job is to teach or do research in science
space	the area that contains the entire universe beyond the earth
Space Race	competition between the United States and the Soviet Union (Russia) to be the first to reach space
tourist	a person who is visiting a place for pleasure and interest
travel	when you go from one place to another, often to a place that is far away.

Know how to...

History Skills and Enquiry	Place key events in the history of space travel on a timeline.
	Use words such as before , after , past , present , then and now to describe the history of space travel.
	Listen to adult recounts of the moon landings. Consider how reliable their memories are.
	Find answers to simple questions about the past from a range of sources.
	Explain what they know about the 1969 moon landings including what effect the landings had on history.
Communicate their knowledge using a range of media.	