



How have explorers influenced history?

HISTORY
Year 2
SPRING Term

Overview

Neil Armstrong

Neil Armstrong was born in 1930 and was an American astronaut. He was the first person to walk on the moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission in July 1969. This was a significant achievement because this mission had never been completed before.



Amy Johnson

Amy Johnson was born in 1901 and was an English pilot. She was the first female pilot to fly solo from London to Australia in 1930. It was unusual to hear of a female pilot during these times so her achievement was very significant and was widely reported around the world.



In this unit, we will learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to international achievements.

Knowledge & Understanding

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Recognise and talk about what/who was significant in simple historical accounts.
- Develop a deeper understanding of significant people in the past who have contributed to international achievements.
- Choose parts of stories and other sources to show what they know about these significant explorers.
- Demonstrate awareness of simple historical concepts and events through role-play, drawing and writing.

History skills

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Use a variety of simple historical terms and concepts to describe how significant individuals influenced history.
- Use sources to compare versions of past events.
- Use knowledge of past events to chronologically order events from past to present on a timeline.

Home – school link project

During this topic, pupils can choose to:

- Create a rocket that Neil Armstrong might have travelled to space in.
- Create a plane that Amy Johnson might have used for her journey from London to Australia.
- Draw a map of a route you could take as an explorer.

Topic Vocabulary

expedition - a journey made in order to do something

explorer - a person who tries to find out more about a new place

international - to do with more than one nation or country

journey - going from one place to another

mission - an important job that someone is sent to do

national - to do with a nation or a country

navigate - to make sure that an aircraft or a ship is going in the right direction

voyage - a long journey involving travel by sea or in space

Working Historically

chronology – in time order

compare – to examine for similarities or differences

decade - a period of ten years, beginning with a year ending in 0

research – a way to find out new information

sequence – a group of things (events) that come one after another

significant - something or someone that is important

source - a book, document or object used to provide evidence in research

timeline – a list of important events arranged in order of when they happened