

History - Explorers

KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Spring 1 - Westhead Lathom St James Primary School

Visits - TBC

What I already know

- To recognise the difference between past and present
- To show what they know and understand about the past in different ways
- To recognise that their own lives are different from the people in the past
- To understand historical concepts and use them to make simple connections and draw contrasts
- To ask and answer questions about the past through observing and handling a range of sources
- Where do people/events fit into a chronological order (passing of time before/after/a long time ago)?
- What other sources can we use to imagine what life might have been like then?

History skills and field work

- To find out what an explorer does, what tools and equipment they use.
- To identify essential tools and equipment that different explorers use. What are the same/different and suggest some possible reasons for this.
- To find out about Christopher Columbus and his voyages
- To find out about Neil Armstrong and his space voyage
- To create a time line for the two explorers
- To identify similarities and differences between these explorers.
- To compare the length of the journey of the two explorers and to say why they think Columbus' journey took longer.
- To compare the equipment and clothing used by Neil Armstrong, and Christopher Columbus and say what is the same/different and why might that be?

Historical figures

- Christopher Columbus – A famous explorer who discovered America. He left Europe on August 3rd 1492 and arrived in America on October 12th 1492
- Yuri Gagarin. – A Russian man who was the first person who went into space on April 12, 1961, lasted 108 minutes
- Neil Armstrong - He was an American astronaut who was the first man to walk on the moon on July 21st 1969. He went into space on the Apollo 11 spacecraft with two other men called Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins.

Key Vocabulary

- **Explorer** - someone who travels a new part of a place or the world that has not been found before
- **Chronology** – placing events into time order
- **Events** – things that have happened or are going to happen
- **Past** – events that happened in history and the past
- **Present** – what is happening right now
- **Similarities** - something that is like something else
- **Difference** – something that is unlike something else when compared
- **Voyage** – journey or trip
- **Length of voyage** – length of time it took to make the journey
- **Sources** – to use a range of pictures, extracts, films, photos to find out things that have happened in the past
- **Change** – understanding how things are not the same
- **Equipment** – tools that are used for a particular purpose
- **Enquiry** – to ask questions to find things out
- **Christopher Columbus** - a famous explorer who discovered America
- **Santa Maria** – The ship Christopher Columbus sailed to America
- **Neil Armstrong** – The first man to walk on the moon
- **Apollo 11** – The space ship that Neil Armstrong used to go into space.
- **Evaluate** - look back at what you have learnt about the past and today

Compare the length of time it took Neil Armstrong to get to the moon and back and how long it took Christopher Columbus to get to America,, Why do you think Columbus' journey took longer?



Time line of events

- Christopher Columbus – set sail on August 3rd 1492
- Christopher Columbus and discovered America on October 12th 1492
- Yuri Gagarin was the first man who went into space on April 12, 1961, lasted 108 minutes
- Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon on 21st July 1969

Which journey was the furthest?

Which journey do you think would be the quicker journey and Why?

- The moon is more than 250 000 miles away. Christopher Columbus travelled over 4,200 miles.

