



Gedney Hill Church of England and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools Federation
 Year 1 Knowledge Organiser - Spring Term 2026



'We Are Explorers'

Neil Armstrong

Birth	1930
Death	2012

Why is Neil Armstrong famous?

He is famous for being the first man to step foot on the moon. He was born in Ohio, America and was awarded his pilot's licence at 15 years old. He was accepted to be part of the astronaut corps in 1962. In 1969, he went aboard Apollo 11 and became the first man to walk on the moon's surface.

*"One small step for man,
 one giant leap for mankind."*

Christopher Columbus

Birth	1451
Death	1506

Who was Christopher Columbus?

He was a sailor and became famous for finding 'The Americas' in 1492. He had a dream to sail west and travel to China. To fulfill his dream he was lent money by the King and Queen of Spain. He set sail with a fleet of three ships named Santa Maria, Nina, and Pinta. He sailed across the Atlantic Ocean from Europe to America, not knowing where he would land. After 36 days of travelling they found 'The Bahamas.'

Key Vocabulary

explorer	a person who explores a new or unfamiliar land
journey	to travel from one place to another
astronaut	a person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft
sailor	a person whose job it is to work on a ship
compass	a navigational piece of equipment used for finding directions

