

# History Knowledge Organiser

## The Moon Landings

#### Key Vocabulary

**Lunar**- relating to the moon

**Achievement**— something done successfully after lots of effort

**Rivals**- those in competition with each other

**Orbit**— a path an object takes

**Spacecraft** – a form of transport into outer space

**Astronaut**— a scientist who explores space.

**Explore** to investigate a new area of interest.

The Moon Landings have left a lasting legacy across the world.



### **Summary**

On 16 July 1969, Saturn V was launched in the United States. On board the rocket was the spacecraft Apollo 11 and three astronauts hoping to travel to the Moon and back. On 20 July 1969, the lunar module Eagle landed on the Moon. Neil Armstrong stepped out, saying the famous words 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' This achievement was made possible because of significant changes in scientific understanding and technology.

Neil Armstrong



<u>People</u>

Buzz Aldrin



Michael Collins



#### Main Events

- 1957: Russia launched a rocket, Sputnik, into space
- 1961: Yuri
   Gagarin became
   the first man to
   enter space
- 1962: American
  John Glenn
  completed three
  orbits of Earth
- 1969: Neil
  Armstrong was
  the first man to
  walk on the Moon