

Topic

Intrepid Explorers



Holy Family Halewood

Year 1 and 2 History



What I will focus on in this topic:

Who was Christopher Columbus?

What did Christopher Columbus achieve?

To explore the impact of Columbus's voyages and what he brought back to Europe.

Who is Neil Armstrong and why is he remembered today.

What did Neil Armstrong achieve?

To compare the lives and achievements of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.

Vocabulary:

Navigate	Find the way using maps or a compass
Explorer	Someone who visits or discovers new places
Continent	A large area of land with more than one country
Voyage	A long journey
Expedition	- A long journey to explore a new place
Pacific Ocean	The largest ocean in the world
NASA	NASA stands for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Lunar Module	A small part of the spacecraft, with a particular job
Saturn V	The huge rocket that sent the astronauts into space.
Sea of Tranquility	A large, dark area of the moon, in which the astronauts landed.

KEY FACTS:



Christopher Columbus
Born Italy 1451
Died May 1506
aged 55

Family was poor so he did not go to school.

1465: Became a sailor at 14

1476: joined crew of merchant ship

Wanted to reach Asia more quickly by sailing West from Europe – No one had ever done this.

King Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain gave him money to try. They wanted him to bring back riches like gold, silk and spices



Neil Armstrong
Born America 1930
Died August 2012
aged 82

Trained as a pilot and in **1960's** began astronaut training.

1962 became an astronaut

Gemini 8 was his first mission into space.

Apollo 11 – mission to the moon. **Neil Armstrong** Commander

Edwin Buzz Aldrin
Lunar Module pilot

Michael Collins
Command Module Pilot

16th July 1969 Saturn V rocket launches from Cape Kennedy space base, Florida.

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12th October 1492 landed on an Island not Asia but North America. Columbus named the Island San Salvador we know it today as the Bahamas.

Columbus drew maps to show what he had discovered
Columbus went back 3 times to explore more of America.

20th July 1969 The lunar module (Eagle) lands successfully on the moon in the Sea of Tranquility.

21st July 1969 Armstrong and Aldrin conduct surface operations (missions).

24th July 1969 The Command Module lands back on Earth in the Pacific Ocean

Quotations: **"The Eagle has landed."**

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."