



# Intrepid Explorers



## Pupils will learn

- Find out when Christopher Columbus lived and what he was trying to achieve.
- Find out about Christopher Columbus's journey and what he discovered.
- Explore the impact of Columbus's voyages and what he brought back to Europe.
- Find out who Neil Armstrong is and why he is remembered today.
- Find out about Neil Armstrong's landing on the moon and the impact this had on the world.
- Compare the lives and achievements of Columbus and Armstrong.

### Important facts

- Links to prior learning: Comparing significant figures, Kings and Queens in Yr 1
- Christopher Columbus did not just discover the Americas, but also new foods such as pineapple and potatoes.
- Although Neil Armstrong did not bring new things back from the moon, many things were invented which we use today because of the technology used to send people into space.

#### Christopher Columbus timeline

- 1451 - Christopher Columbus is born
- 1465 - At 14 Christopher Columbus becomes a sailor.
- 1492 - Christopher Columbus sets sail to find a route to Asia.
- 1492 - landed the first of three times in what would become known as the Americas.

#### Neil Armstrong timeline

- 1930 - Neil Armstrong was born.
- 1950s and 60s - people started to explore space.
- 1961 - Yuri Gagarin was the first man to travel in space.
- 1962 - Neil Armstrong becomes an astronaut
- 1969 - Neil Armstrong becomes the first person to walk on the moon..
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- 2012 - Neil Armstrong dies.

### Home Learning Ideas

- Make a rocket to travel to the moon
- Make a ship
- <https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/christopher-columbus>
- [https://www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/neil\\_armstrong.php](https://www.ducksters.com/biography/explorers/neil_armstrong.php)

### Books to read at home

- Christopher Columbus (3.3 Young Reading Series Three (Purple)) Hardcover
- Great Explorers: Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong: (Collins Big Cat)
- One Giant Leap: The Story of Neil Armstrong Paperback – by Don Brown

### Inquiry Questions

**Who is the greater explorer:  
Christopher Columbus  
Or  
Neil Armstrong?**

## Further Information

Route taken by Christopher Columbus



A photo of Earth from the moon



## Key Vocabulary

<b>explore</b>	To travel to a new or known place to find out about it.	<b>expedition</b>	A journey taken by a group of people with a particular purpose.
<b>explorer</b>	A person who explores new or unfamiliar area.	<b>Asia</b>	A continent to the East of Europe and the west of the Pacific Ocean.
<b>timeline</b>	Dates of important events in time.	<b>voyage</b>	A long journey involving travel by sea or in space.
<b>travel</b>	To make a journey, typically of some length.	<b>satellite</b>	An artificial body placed in orbit around the earth or moon to collect information or for communication.
<b>pilot</b>	A person who operates the flying controls of an aircraft.	<b>mission</b>	An important job given to a person or a group of people, usually involving travel abroad.
<b>technology</b>	Machinery or equipment developed for practical purposes.	<b>orbit</b>	The curved path of a spacecraft around a planet or moon.
<b>NASA</b>	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	<b>astronauts</b>	A person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft.
<b>compare</b>	To measure what is the same or different.	<b>celebrate</b>	To mark a special or happy event.
<b>different</b>	Not the same as another.	<b>similar</b>	Having a likeness

\* Words in grey are Tier 2 (non-topic specific) vocabulary