

# History Knowledge Organiser

## Earth and Space, the Final Frontier

Year 6

### Our learning

In our history lessons this term we are learning about the **Space Race**. We will learn about important dates that changed how humans explored space. We will discover why the **leadership** of the countries thought space travel was important.

We will consider the **causes** of the space race.

We will also consider the **consequences** of this period in history.

### Information

USA and USSR were involved in the 'Cold War' between 1946-1991. This 'war' did not involve battles but meant that the two countries **competed** with each other in areas such as **technology**, weapons, space travel and spying.

The USSR sent Sputnik 1 (a satellite) into orbit over the USA in 1957, which started the Space Race.

Nikita Khrushchev was the leader of the USSR from 1953 and John F. Kennedy was president of the USA from 1961

Many **advances** were made in science and technology in this period.

### Vocabulary

- Superpower** - A powerful country
- Astronaut** - Someone who flies in a spacecraft
- Cosmonaut** - A Russian astronaut
- USSR** - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- USA** - United States of America
- Satellite** - A manmade object launched into Space
- President** - Elected head of a government

### Important Dates

1955- Start of the space race

1960- NASA started the Apollo missions to space

1961- First man to reach space-USSR's Yuri Gagarin

1969- USA reach and land on the Moon- Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin become the first people to ever walk on the moon.

Yuri Gagarin & Neil Armstrong



Nikita Khrushchev & John F. Kennedy

