St John Fisher RC Primary School

Year One Knowledge Organiser – Autumn Two – English Reading and Writing (Topic)

What we will be learning

Week 1 – Who Was Neil Armstrong?
Introduce Neil Armstrong and explore who he was and why he is remembered. Read simple non-fiction texts and identify facts about his life. Discuss the difference between fiction and non-fiction.
I will write simple factual sentences to describe who Neil Armstrong was.
Neil Armstrong was…
He was born in…
He wanted to be…
Neil Armstrong is famous because…

Week 2 – Becoming an Astronaut: An information text
Explore Neil Armstrong's journey to becoming an astronaut. Discuss what astronauts do and the skills they need. Introduce non-fiction features such as titles, labels and captions.
I will write simple sentences to explain what an astronaut is and describe Neil Armstrong's job.
An astronaut is…
Neil Armstrong trained to…
He travelled into space in…
Astronauts need to…



Week 3 – Apollo 11: A labelled diagram
Learn about the Apollo 11 mission and the spacecraft used to travel to the Moon. Explore labelled diagrams and captions as features of non-fiction writing.
I will use labels and simple sentences to describe Apollo 11 and its journey to the Moon.
Apollo 11 was…
The rocket was…
The astronauts travelled to…
The spacecraft had…

Things I will remember
- I know that sentences start with a capital letter and end with a full stop.
- I know that letters are different sizes and must start from the correct place.
- I know how to write simple sentences dictated by a teacher.

Week 4 – The Moon Landing: A factual recount
Explore the events of 20 July 1969 and how Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the Moon. Introduce sequencing language to organise factual information.
I will write simple sentences to recount the Moon landing in the correct order.
First, the rocket…
Next, the astronauts…
Then, Neil Armstrong…
Finally, they…



Week 5 – Walking on the Moon: A non-fiction description
Explore what Neil Armstrong saw and experienced on the Moon. Use photographs and historical information to describe the Moon's surface, the astronauts' spacesuits and the American flag.
I will write factual sentences using adjectives to describe Neil Armstrong's experience on the Moon.
The Moon was…
Neil Armstrong wore…
He could see…
The astronauts…

Week 6 – All About Neil Armstrong: A non-fiction information booklet
Bring together the facts learnt throughout the topic to create an information booklet about Neil Armstrong. Revisit non-fiction features including titles, headings, labels, captions and factual sentences.
I will create a non-fiction information booklet using facts, pictures and simple sentences to explain why Neil Armstrong is remembered.
Neil Armstrong was…
He travelled to the Moon in…
He was the first person to…
Neil Armstrong is remembered because…

Key Vocabulary
Fact – Something that is true.
Astronaut – A person who travels into space.
Mission – An important journey or task. Caption – Words that explain a picture.

