

Year 2 History – Who were the people that took flight?



In this **history** unit, we will look at the lives of **significant individuals** who shaped the development of flight. We will look at the different ways we find out about the past and use a wide range of historical terms. We will identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.

Why do we remember the Wright Brothers?

The Wright brothers were two American inventors who invented and built the **world's first successful aeroplane**. They made the first controlled, powered flight on December 17th 1903. Because of their work we are now able to travel around the world and thousands of flights take off each day.



The first flight of December 17, 1903.

What was significant about Amy Johnson?

Amy Johnson is Britain's most famous female pilot. She was determined to break records other pilots had set for flying long distances. She decided to try flying from London to Australia and wanted break the record for arriving there in less than 16 days. Although Amy did not break this record, she did become the **first woman to fly on her own to Australia** in 1930.



Why do we remember Neil Armstrong?

Neil Armstrong was an astronaut, military pilot and educator who had developed a love of flight from an early age and got his pilot's license when he was just 16 years old.

On July 20th 1969 Neil Armstrong made history by **becoming the first man to walk on the moon**. This moment was a significant event and it was watched on television by people all over the world.

This came just under 66 years after the Wright brothers' first aeroplane flight and showed how much had been achieved in such a short period of time.



Key Vocabulary

Significant	Have great importance to be worthy of attention
Aircraft	An aeroplane, helicopter, or other machine capable of flying
Apollo 11	First space flight to land on the moon
Chronological	Events in time order
Aviation	The world of air craft and air travel
Pilot	A person who operates the flying controls of an aircraft
Inventor	A person who creates or designs something that has not existed before.