Nova's Moon Mission: Sequencing Neil Armstrong's Journey

Learning objective: To understand and sequence the key stages of the 1969 Apollo 11 Moon landing.

Nova the Owl is helping us map out the history of the first moon landing. Look at the list of events below. Your task is to put them in the correct order by numbering them from 1 to 6. Once you have numbered them, answer the questions to show what you have learned about this historic journey.

Word bank: Apollo 11 · Eagle · Neil Armstrong · 1969 · Moon · Buzz Aldrin

1. 1. The Apollo 11 rocket launches from Earth.
2. The Eagle lander touches down on the Moon.
3. Neil Armstrong becomes the first person to step onto the lunar surface.
4. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walk on the Moon and collect rocks.
5. The astronauts return safely to Earth.
6. The mission begins in the year 1969. (6 marks)

2. Why do you think it was important for the astronauts to collect moon rocks to bring back to Earth? (2 marks)

3. Neil Armstrong said, 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' What do you think he meant by 'giant leap'? (2 marks)

4. If a replica space suit costs £45 to make for a school play and you have £50, how much change would you receive? (1 mark)

5. Name one piece of equipment the astronauts would have needed to survive on the Moon. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Neil Armstrong standing on the surface of the Moon. Remember to include his space suit, the lunar module, and the stars in the dark sky above.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an astronaut on the next mission to the Moon. Write three things you would pack in your space bag to take with you, and explain why you chose each item.