Neil Armstrong: The First Footprint

Blast off into history! Explore the life and legacy of the man who first walked on the Moon.

■ Neil Armstrong was born in Ohio, USA, in 1930 and served as a naval aviator before joining the space programme.

■ As the commander of the Apollo 11 mission, he successfully landed the Lunar Module, named 'The Eagle', on the Moon’s surface on 20 July 1969.

■ Upon stepping onto the Moon, he famously declared: 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.'

■ His historic walk lasted for approximately two and a half hours, during which he collected lunar samples and conducted experiments.

■ The success of the moon landing effectively marked a major milestone in the 'Space Race' between the United States and the Soviet Union.

■ Ellie the elephant remembers this as a monumental moment for humanity, proving that with careful preparation and bravery, we can reach new frontiers.

Did you know? Did you know? When Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface, he carried a small piece of wood and fabric from the 1903 Wright Flyer—the first aeroplane to make a powered, controlled flight—to honour the history of human aviation!

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