A Giant Leap: Social Studies / History with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the significance of the 1969 Moon landing and identify key features of space exploration.

Ellie the Elephant is learning about the history of space travel. Use the word bank to label your drawing, and follow the steps below to complete your historical scene.

Draw: Draw a scene on the Moon. In the centre, show Neil Armstrong in his white spacesuit. Include the 'Lunar Module' (a gold and silver spacecraft) nearby. Add 'craters' of different sizes on the ground. Use a dark, starry background to represent space. The style should be clear and descriptive, like a historical illustration in a textbook.

Label words: Apollo 11 · Lunar Module · Spacesuit · Visor · Crater · Moon dust

Steps:

1. Why was Neil Armstrong's mission in 1969 so important for history?
2. Name one piece of equipment Neil Armstrong needed to survive on the Moon.
3. Look at your drawing: Why do you think the astronaut is wearing a reflective visor on their helmet?
4. Step 1: Draw a large circle in the middle of your page to represent the Moon's surface.

5. Step 2: Draw Neil Armstrong standing on the surface next to the Lunar Module.