Mission Explorer: Neil Armstrong Fact-File

Learning objective: To research and record key historical facts about the life and achievements of Neil Armstrong.

Use your history textbooks or approved classroom resources to complete this fact-file. Ellie the Elephant wants you to use your best historical enquiry skills to uncover details about the first human to walk on the Moon. Ensure your dates are accurate and your descriptions are clear.

Word bank: Apollo 11 · Astronaut · Lunar Module · 1969 · NASA · Space Race · Surface · Achievement

1. Early Life and Career: Briefly describe Neil Armstrong's background before he became an astronaut. What was his profession in the military? (2 marks)

2. The Mission: Name the mission that took Neil Armstrong to the Moon. In which year did this historic event take place? (2 marks)

3. The Moon Landing: Describe the moment Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface. What famous words did he say at that moment? (3 marks)

4. Historical Significance: Why was the Moon landing considered such a significant turning point in global history? (3 marks)

5. Personal Reflection: If you could have asked Neil Armstrong one question about his experience in space, what would it be and why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1969. Write a short headline and a three-sentence summary that you would print on the front page of a newspaper the day after the Moon landing.