

## Key Vocabulary

**explorer** - A person who goes somewhere new or unfamiliar.

**hero** - A male who does something brave.

**heroine** - A female who does something brave.

**lamp** - An object that provides light.

**Latin** - An old language.

**racism** - When somebody is treated differently because of the colour of their skin.

**tobacco** - A material that is smoked. It's very unhealthy.

**voyage** - A long journey involving travel by sea or space.

**wick** - A strip of material inside of a candle. This is lit to light the candle.

# The Great Post Office Mystery



## Year 1

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Dear Parents,

Our next topic is 'The Great Post Office Mystery'. This will involve your child learning about famous historical characters. Please help your children to prepare for this topic by helping them to learn the key words and the facts on this sheet.

There are some home learning activities on the back of this sheet. Your child can complete these at any time. Your child's teacher would love to see what they have created.

Thank you for your support.

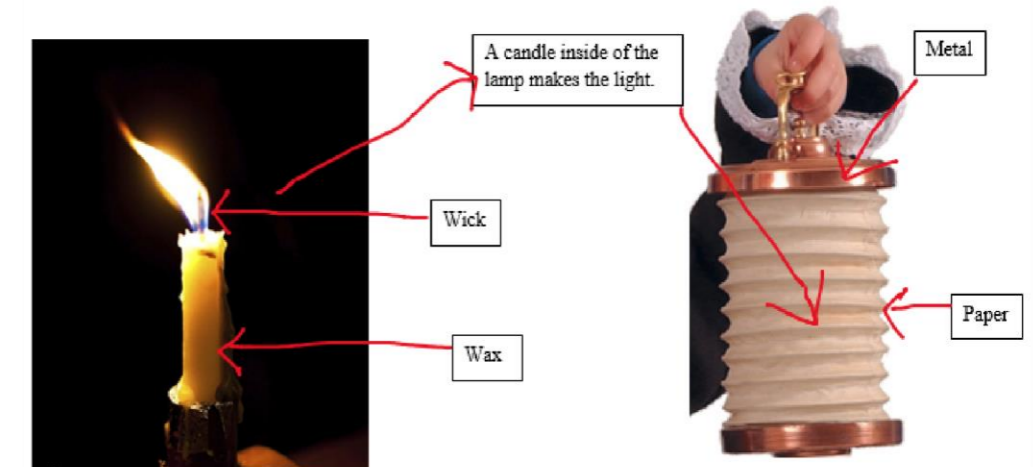
Kind regards - Year 1

### Florence Nightingale (The Lady with the Lamp)

She was born 1820, in a country called Italy. She did not go to school and was taught by her father. He taught her things that most girls would not have learnt at that time such as **Latin** (an old language), maths and history.

Florence was a nurse who went to a country called Turkey, where she helped to look after British soldiers, who were fighting in a war.

Florence worked late into the nights and she became known as the 'The Lady with the Lamp'.



### Julia Donaldson

- She is a children's writer.
- She has written many books including the Gruffalo, Stick Man and Room on the Broom.
- She has written over 70 books.
- She helps to run a charity (called Book Bug) which gives lots of books to children.



## Timeline (not to scale)

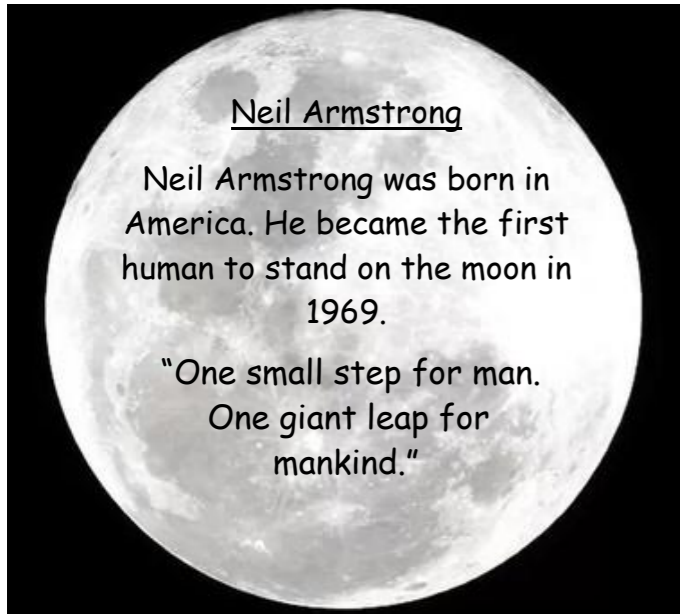
Sir Walter Raleigh  
(1552-1618)

Florence Nightingale  
(1820 - 1910)

Rosa Parks  
(1913-2005)

Neil Armstrong  
(1930-2012)

Julia Donaldson  
(1954 - Present)



Neil Armstrong

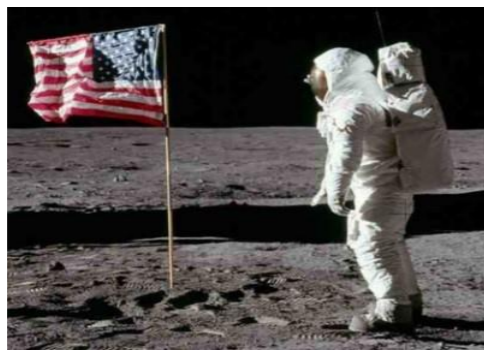
Neil Armstrong was born in America. He became the first human to stand on the moon in 1969.

"One small step for man.  
One giant leap for mankind."



Sir Walter Raleigh

- Sir Walter Raleigh was born in England
- He was an **explorer** and a writer.
- He explored parts of America.
- He went searching for a city made of gold in South America. Instead of gold, he discovered **tobacco** and potatoes.
- Once he put his cloak over a puddle so that the queen (Queen Elizabeth the first) didn't have to step in it.
- He married one of the Queen's servants. She was upset by this.



Rosa Parks

Rosa lived in America when black and white people were treated differently.

On a bus, she was asked to give up her seat to a white person. She felt this was unfair, so she did not do this. She was arrested by the police. Lots of people were unhappy about this.

Eventually the laws were changed. Rosa Park became a **heroine**.

Home Learning Ideas

- (1) Neil Armstrong needed a space rocket to get him to the moon. Make your own space rocket out of an old pop bottle.
- (2) Make a lamp like Florence Nightingale's lamp.
- (3) Draw and colour or paint pictures of some of the famous people on this sheet.
- (4) Write down five things you would do if you were an explorer for the day. Draw a picture for each of these.
- (5) Draw a picture a city made of gold like Sir Walter Raleigh was trying to find.



Once completed, bring any homework that you produce into school. We'd love to see and display it.