# **Hillcross Primary School**

## Third Rock from the Sun

# What impact has Britain had on Space Exploration?

#### Lesson 1: What was the impact of the first man on the moon?

- We learnt about the composition of the moon
- Gave us the first perspective of Earth from the moon
- It led the **inventions of new** technologies
- We learnt more about space





## Lesson 2: What was the impact of the Apollo 13 mission? Why was it a significant event in history?

- To be **NASA's third mission** to the moon but it never landed
- An **oxygen tank exploded** and the astronauts had to improvise to come back to Earth
- It was a near disaster but was classified a 'successful failure' due to the experience gained in the rescue mission. It proved people could work together to find solutions to the dangers of space travel.

Lesson 5: How has space exploration changed over time and how can we find out?

> **1971:** British Prospero satellite launched on a British Arrow launch vehicle.

become the first British 18 months of training, Helen was part of a Russian mission to the MIR space station in 1991.

#### Lesson 3 & 4: Helen Sharman







Born 1963, Helen Sharman was the first British Citizen to travel space and also to visit the Mir Space Station.

#### Lesson 3 & 4: Why is this picture significant to British history?

- He was the first British astronaut to go to the ISS (International Space Station).
- He stayed in space for six months.

2010:

set up.

**UK** Space

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- He is reading a book called 'Road to the Stars' which is an autobiography of Yuri Gagarin (the first human to journey into space).
- This book was given to Helen Sharman when she became the UK's first astronaut in 1991
- Some 24 years later when **Tim Peake** was selected as an **ESA astronaut. Sharman** lent him the book.

**Key Vocab** 

exploration, astronaut, cosmonaut, interstellar, international space station, interplanetary, satellite

## December 15th 2015:

Major Tim Peake flew to the International Space Station to begin a 6-month mission.

## June 18th 2016:

Major Peake is back on earth after a historic stay at the International Space Station.

1952: British Space Programme officially began.

1989: Helen Sharman entered a competition to astronaut in space. After