

The 12th of April is Cosmonautics Day



Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space, making a 108-minute orbital flight in his Vostok 1 spacecraft on 12 April 1961.



Konstantin Tsiolkovsky (1857—1935)



Konstantin Eduardovich Tsiolkovsky – the founder of astronautics in Russia, put forward several ideas about space travel.

Tsiolkovsky's idea of spaceship was based on the use of liquid fuels.

Sergei Korolyov the lead Soviet rocket engineer and spacecraft designer. He is considered by many as the father of practical astronautics



Sergei Pavlovich Korolyov- is a famous scientist and founder of practical cosmonautics. He was the chief constructor of the first Earth sputniks and spaceships. Then followed rockets to the Moon, Mars, Venus.

- For the first time in human history, cosmonaut Alexei Leonov stepped into outer space from the Voskhod 2 spacecraft.



Neil Armstrong - the first person on the Moon, the first person to set foot upon the Moon on 20 July 1969.



Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova



Colonel-Engineer Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova (March 6, 1937-) was a Soviet cosmonaut and the first woman in space. She was on the Vostok 5 mission which launched on June 16, 1963, and orbited the Earth 48 times.

Task 1. Give a talk about Traditions & Holidays of Russia

- Remember to say:
- **what holidays** there are in the country;
- **when** the holiday is celebrated;
- **why** people celebrate it;
- **in what way** people celebrate it now

