

Moon Mission is Super Success!

On 16th July 1969 Apollo 11 set off from Florida USA on a mission to get to the moon. On board were Neil Armstrong aged 26 , Buzz Aldrin aged 22 and Michael Collins aged 28 they had all undergone extensive training in preparation for their once in a lifetime experience.

First the spacecraft travelled through space for 3 days until it reached the moon. Then once it reached the surface of the moon two of the astronauts set off to explore it in the Lunar Module. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin both had to wear special spacesuits because there is no air in space.



The first man to step out of the Lunar Module and onto the surface of the moon was Neil Armstrong. He marked

the special occasion with the words “One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin collected lots of samples of rock and dust from the moon and they also took many photographs. Finally they placed an American flag into the moon to celebrate that they had won the space race! When their job was done the astronauts climbed back into the Command Module and headed back to Earth. After two and a half days travelling the crew splashed down into the Pacific Ocean and the mission was safely completed!

When asked about the mission Neil said “It was amazing. I am very lucky to have experienced such a fantastic and historical event.”

All three astronauts are now back with their families celebrating their achievement. This is a very exciting time in the world of space exploration and many people will never forget the day that man first stepped on the moon.