

Mae Jemison Fact File



My Childhood

When I was little, I lived with my mum, dad, sister and brother. My mum and dad always helped me to learn things and wanted me to do well.

Becoming a Scientist

I worked hard at school and college, then I went to medical school. I learnt how to be a doctor. After this, I worked as a travelling doctor helping people all around the world.

I applied to NASA to be part of their astronaut training programme, and they chose me for their space mission!

Space Mission

In September 1992, I went into space on board the Endeavour space shuttle. There were six other astronauts with me.

While I was in space, I carried out experiments about weightlessness. I loved looking out of the window at the stars.

My Hobbies

I love reading and spent a lot of time in the library when I was a child.

I started dance classes when I was 11 years old. I have danced in lots of plays and have a dance studio in my home.

I loved science and always wanted to go into space.

