



# Welton Primary School—History Knowledge Organiser



Year: 1

Amy Johnson

Timeline									
1899	1903	1904	1910	1928	1930	1931	1932	1940	1941
The Wright brothers built their first glider	Orville Wright flew the first ever powered aeroplane Amy Johnson was born in Hull	Wilber Wright flew a new plane that stayed up for 5 minutes	The Wright brothers flew together with Orville as pilot and Wilber the passenger	Amy Johnson got her pilot's licence and she bought a DH Gypsy Moth Plane	On the 5th May, Amy set off from London to Darwin in Australia	Amy set a record for the fastest flight from Siberia, Russia to Tokyo in Japan	Amy flew from London to Cape Town in South America in another record time	Amy Johnson joined the RAF to help in WW2	Amy Johnson died after her plane crashed into the River Thames

Vocabulary	
before I was born	Time before you were alive
years	Twelve months, measured using a calendar
object	A thing that can be seen and touched
photograph	A picture made using a camera
picture	A painting or drawing of something
flight	Travelling through the air
explore	Travel through an unfamiliar area
explain	Make something clear by describing
plane	A powered flying vehicle that has fixed wings
local	Somewhere close to where you are or where you live
artefact	An object made by a human being
legacy	Something passed down from people that have come before
historical event	Something very important that happened in the past
history	The study of events from the past
inventor	A person who had an idea for a way to do something or a thing

### The Wright Brothers

Orville and Wilber Wright, known as the Wright brothers, invented the aeroplane. The brothers grew up in America. When they were young they enjoyed inventing things. They became interested in flying because of a toy given to them by their father. As they grew older, they learned how to make propellers and studied how birds flew to help them with wing designs.



It was Orville that made the first flight in North Carolina in 1903. He flew about 36.5m and the flight lasted about 12 seconds. As the day went on both brothers had flights in their plane with each lasting longer amounts of time.



They continued to build and improve their design. In November 1904 they flew in their newly designed plane called the Flyer II. The flight lasted over 5 minutes.

### Amy Johnson

Amy Johnson was a British pilot who set many long-distance flying records. She was known as a brave and skilled explorer. She always wanted to try and do more in new planes during the early years of aircraft travel. She is Britain's most famous female pilot.

She was born in Hull on 1st July 1903. She went to University in Sheffield and took up flying as a hobby. She got her pilot's licence in 1928 and joined the London aeroplane club. She was determined to break records that other pilots had set for flying long distances so she decided to try flying from London to Australia. Before this trip the furthest she had flown was from Hull to London.



She flew in a Gypsy Moth Plane that she named Jason. It took her 19 days to fly 11,000 miles but sadly this was slower than the old record of 16 days. But she did set a different record instead as she was the first woman to fly on her own to Australia.

After Jason was damaged, she bought another plane which she named Jason II. In this plane, in July 1931, she and her co-pilot, Jack Humphreys, became the first to fly from London to Moscow in one day. It took 21 hours. In July 1932, Amy set a solo record for a flight to Cape Town, South Africa. In doing so, she broke a record that was held by her husband!

In 1940, during the Second World War, Johnson joined the newly formed Air Transport Auxiliary, which transport aircraft around the country. On 5 January 1941, while flying a plane for the ATA, Johnson went off course in bad weather. Her plane was out of fuel and she parachuted into the Thames river. People tried to rescue her but it was too hard to reach her.

