Famous Historical People from around the world

Timeline of events …

1451	Christopher Columbus was born in Italy
1492	Christopher Columbus set off to find a quicker route from Asia to Europe
1666	Samuel Pepys wrote a diary about the Great Fire of London (studied in the Autumn term)
1805	Mary Seacole was born in Jamaica
1853	Crimean War starts
1856	Crimean War ends
1930	Neil Armstrong was born in North America
1955	Tim Berners-Lee was born in London
1969	Neil Armstrong walked on the moon
1983	Modern internet was created
1989	Tim Berners-Lee invented the world wide web

Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus was born in Italy in 1451. He was an explorer and his initial goal was to find a quicker route to Asia from Europe. He is credited for discovering America, even though people were already living there.

Mary Seacole

Mary Seacole was a British-Jamaican woman who overcame racial prejudice to help others. She is most famous for travelling to the Crimea in 1855 to help care for British soldiers wounded in the war.

Neil Armstrong

Neil Armstrong was born in North America in 1930. He first trained to be a pilot but then became an astronaut. He is famous for being the first man to walk on the moon.

Sir Tim Berners-Lee

Tim Berners-Lee was born in London in 1955. As a child he was fascinated by computers. He began his career as a computer software designer. In 1989, he invented a way for people to share documents and all sorts of other information on the internet. This was called the world wide web.

Vocabulary Dozen

explorer	A person who travels to a new or unfamiliar area.
astronaut	A person who has been trained for travelling in space.
Crimean War	(1853-1856) A war fought between the Russians, British, French and Turkish.
inventor	A person who creates or discovers a new method or device.
famous	Known about by many people.
communication	Exchanging of information by speaking, writing, or other medium.
prejudice	An unreasonable dislike of a particular group of people or things.
voyage	A long journey involving travel by sea or in space.
continent	A very large area of land that includes all the islands with it.
mission	An expedition into space.
achievements	Something done successfully with effort, skill, or courage.
discovery	The finding or uncovering of something.

Ideas to think about…

- The internet and the world wide web are two different things. Can you find out what the difference is?
- Florence Nightingale was another famous nurse who worked in the Crimean war. Find out about her.
- If you were to make a discovery … what would it be? Where would you go? How would you travel there?