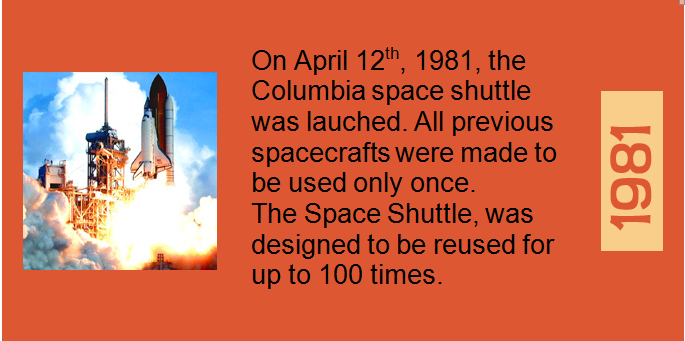


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| Russian Sputnik satellite | [Russia](http://www.spacekids.co.uk/russia) launched Sputnik 1 on October 4th, 1957; this was the first satellite that went into space. Today there are over 500 working satellites in space. | 1957 |

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| Yuri Gagarin, first man in space. | On 12th April 1961, Russian Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space. Gagarin had to land using his parachute, because the Vostok 1 was designed to crash land! | 1961 |

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| Valentina Tereshkova First woman in space and Russian cosmonaut | The first woman in space was Russian cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova. A crater on the far side of the Moon is named after her! | 1963 |

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| Buzz Aldrin on the surface of the moon | On 20th July 1969, [Neil Armstrong](http://www.spacekids.co.uk/moon), and then Buzz Aldrin took "one small step" and became the first men on the moon. Their spaceship was Apollo 11. | 1969 |





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| First space tourist – Dennis Tito | On the 28th April 2001 American millionaire Dennis Tito became the first space tourist when he paid around 20 million dollars for a ride in a Russian spacecraft.  A new Airline, Virgin Galactic has been set up to offer private tourist flights into space. | 2001 |

