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Russian space achievements

**1.** During the times of the Soviet Union, **space** exploration was one of the main priorities.

**2.** On October 4, 1957 Russia launched the first **manmade satellite** into space. It was called Sputnik1.

**3.** On the 12th of April, 1961 the **Russian cosmonaut** Yuri **Gagarin** became the first man to orbit the Earth. He circled the globe in the spaceship “Vostok” for 108 minutes.

**4.** His heroic flight opened the door into the Universe. In commemoration of this outstanding event this day was proclaimed **Cosmonaut’s Day in Russia**.

**5.** The whole world admires the achievements of our country in exploration of outer space. Many people today remember the cosmonaut Aleksey Leonov who was the **first** **person “to walk”** **in** outer **space**.

**6.** Russian scientists made a great success of meeting and docking of the manned Soyuz ships in orbit. **Our Lunamobiles, the Salute orbital stations** have made an important contribution to exploration of space.

**7.** We are proud of **our** **first** **Russian women - cosmonauts:** Valentina **Tereshkova** and Svetlana **Savitskaya**.

**8.** Konstantin Eduardovich Tsiolkovsky – **the founder of astronautics** **in Russia**, put forward several ideas about **space travel**. His calculations were used in modern theory of cosmonautics and practical space travel.

**9.** Sergey Pavlovich Korolyov is **a famous founder of practical cosmonautics**. He was **the chief** **constructor** of the first Earth sputniks and spaceships. Then followed rockets to the Moon, Mars and Venus.

**10.** Our country is active in the exploration of the solar system. It has its own space programmers. And we should remember **the history of our space exploration and respect its heroes**.