

**The 12<sup>th</sup> of April is Cosmonautics Day**



**Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space, making a 108-minute orbital flight in his Vostok 1 spacecraft on 12 April 1961.**



# Konstantin Tsiolkovsky (1857—1935)



Konstantin Eduardovich Tsiolkovsky – the founder of astronautics in Russia, put forward several ideas about space travel. Tsiolkovsky's idea of spaceship was based on the use of liquid fuels.



**Sergei Korolyov** the lead Soviet rocket engineer and spacecraft designer. He is considered by many as the father of practical astronautics



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

- For the first time in human history, cosmonaut Alexei Leonov stepped into outer space from the Voskhod 2 spacecraft.





Neil Armstrong - the first person on the Moon, the first person to set foot upon the Moon on 20 July 1969.



# Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova



Colonel-Engineer Valentina Vladimirovna Tereshkova (March 6, 1937- ) was a Soviet cosmonaut and the first woman in space. She was on the Vostok 5 mission which launched on June 16, 1963, and orbited the Earth 48 times.

# Task 1. Give a talk about Traditions & Holidays of Russia

- Remember to say:
- **what holidays** there are in the country;
- **when** the holiday is celebrated;
- **why** people celebrate it;
- **in what way** people celebrate it now

