



History Year 1

Spring 1






Key Facts

Amy Johnson was an English aviator. She was the first ever female pilot to fly solo from Britain to Australia. She completed numerous journeys as a female pilot and she became very famous around the world.

- Amy bought her first aircraft with the help of her father. She bought a second-hand aircraft called a de Havilland DH.60 Gypsy Moth.
- She named this aircraft 'Jason' after her father's fish business.
- On 5th May 1930, Amy set off on her endeavour. She wanted to beat the world record for flying from the UK to Australia and the record at the time was 15 days. Unfortunately, due to bad weather conditions and some mechanical problems, she did not beat the world record. Her flight time was 19 days.
- Amy did become the first female pilot to fly from Croydon, England to Darwin,
- This was a phenomenal and courageous achievement and she was famous around the world.
- She was so famous that when she came home to England, a big crowd came to greet her and she had a tour of the London streets in an open topped car to see her fans.

Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Aircraft	An aeroplane , helicopter or other machine that can fly  
Aviator	A pilot
Endeavour	Try hard to do or achieve something
Pilot	A person who flies an aeroplane 
Solo	something done by one person

1903	1920	1923	1928	1930	1932	1933	1941	
Birth in Yorkshire	Finished university	Amy became interested in flying	Amy got her Pilot Licence	Amy was the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia	Amy married Jim Morrison	Amy set a record of flying from Siberia to Tokyo	Amy Died	

Knowledge and Understanding:

Children will learn:

- The key events in the life of Amy Johnson
- And understand the significance of Amy Johnson's Solo Flight
- To appreciate that some famous people have helped our lives be better today.

Key skills and concepts:

Children will be able to:

- Find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information
- Sequence events in Amy's life
- Distinguish between Fact and Fiction
- Recognise the difference between past and present



Key Questions

Why is Amy Johnson famous?

How did Amy become Queen of the Air?

Why was flying to Australia so difficult for a woman?

How did people react to Amy's famous flight?

How did things change for Amy after her famous flight to Australia?

What happened to Amy?

