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### Lesson 1 & 2 – Course Introduction

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<th>Lesson Overview</th>
<th>Learners will gain an understanding of the qualification and the structure as well what NASA does</th>
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| Learning Objectives | To understand the course requirements  
                          To understand the four unit structure  
                          To describe the missions of NASA |
| Lesson duration | 2 hours |

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<th>Starter</th>
<th>Introduction to unit – the dingbat will be on the screen to ask if they are able to decipher the topic by the images = answer is ‘Rocket’</th>
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| Main    | • Overview of all topics in the qualifications – rockets, micro satellites, artificial intelligence and unmanned vehicles  
         • Overview of the expectations of the qualification – the units, exam and how it is graded  
         • TASK – Who is NASA? What do they do? Find 5 facts about NASA (fact sheet for pupils to use enhancing literacy skills) –  
           extension = what does the extension.gov mean and why does this site have it. (means a government website and cannot be purchased by anyone thus making it a reliable source of information)  
         • TASK – NASA’s missions - In groups of 2/3 look at one of the missions NASA is currently involved in. They will look at all elements and produce a presentation that they will deliver to the rest of the class  
           o What is the mission?  
           o What materials are involved?  
           o What rockets / space stations / satellites are involved?  
           o Key facts / data gathered from the mission |
| Plenary  | Peer assessment opportunity – what have you learnt from each others presentations – write a fact on the worksheet |
| Homework | History of Rockets – literacy comprehension |

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## Lesson 3 – Forces and Flight

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<th>Introduce forces in rocket launches and look at flight</th>
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| Specification Covered | 1.1 I can describe the physics involved in rocket flight  
1.3 I can explain principles of forces which make flight possible. |
| Learning Objectives | To identify the forces on rockets  
To describe how flight is achieved  
To describe the 3 laws of the Newton’s Law of Motion |
| Lesson duration | 1 hour |

### Starter
What can fly? Create a mind map – aim to show the wide range of animals as well as man made crafts

### Main
- Video of a rocket launch to introduce the topic
- What forces can you think of that would affect the rocket launch?  
  *Can be on earth or space*
- Introduce the terms of the four forces – weight, drag, thrust and lift
- Question - A small ball, scrunched up paper and a pen  
  - Which will go higher if thrown?
  - Will that change if someone else throws it?
  - *Can be extended to a practical experiment*
- TASK – Complete the worksheet from the PowerPoint  
  - Fill the gaps on force - Thrust,  
  - Describing key terms – gravity, thrust, air resistance and weight  
  - Complete 3 laws of Newton’s law of motion
- TASK – What can fly? – Worksheet of animals and objects and pupils to research and complete how each flies  
  *Extension* - adding any off their lists from starter with research of how they fly.

### Plenary
Fill in the missing words on the forces diagram – lift, drag, weight, thrust

### Homework
- Rocket Parts – starting to think about what parts build a rocket  
  - bring in a bottle for next lesson (1.5 litre plastic fizzy drink bottle for each group)
Lesson 4 – Water Bottle Rockets

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<th>Students make a water bottle rocket. They investigate the variables that affect the height and distance travelled by the rocket.</th>
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| Specification Covered | 1.2 I can describe the physics involved in rocket flight  
1.4 I can explain principles of forces which make flight possible. |
| Learning Objectives | To identify the different elements/forces when launching a water bottle rocket  
To create and launch a water bottle rocket |
| Lesson duration | 1 hour |

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<th>Starter</th>
<th>Watch the video of a water bottle rocket launch</th>
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| Main    | Recap the forces  
Look at requirements for launch / creation  
- Nose cone, fins, extra mass, stability  
Create the rockets  
Launch the rockets  
Discuss the different rockets and how a slight design change can impact on the launch and flight/height achieved | PowerPoint Worksheet |
| Plenary | What have they learnt from today’s launches | PowerPoint |
| Homework | Research a previous rocket launch and outline the mission, whether it was successful and the rocket used | |
Lesson 5 – How flight has changed and what could go wrong

Lesson Overview
Students will research how flight has changed and create their own timeline of launches – highlighting where launches have gone wrong.

Specification Covered
1.3 I can describe the physics involved in rocket flight
1.5 I can explain principles of forces which make flight possible.

Learning Objectives
- To understand what could go wrong on a rocket launch
- To create a timeline of the Apollo Program
- To understand how rockets / launches change over time

Lesson duration
1 hour

Starter
“Houston we have a problem” watch a video clip from the film Apollo 13 to start discussion of rocket launches and potential failures

Main
- Discuss and look at Apollo Program and NASA
- What could go wrong on a rocket launch?
- https://www.timetoast.com/
- Sign up and create a timeline on the Apollo Program
- Research each of the missions and outline
  - Launch dates
  - Successful or not? What went wrong if unsuccessful?
  - What changes did they make following the mission to the next?
  - What was the mission?
  - Manned or Unmanned?

Plenary
What key facts have you learnt from the timelines about the Apollo Program

Homework
Choose a mission that went wrong and research what happened and what effect this had on future launches / rocket designs
### Lesson 6 – Simulations

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<th>Students will complete their own simulations and launch rockets online by adjusting the forces to achieve different heights</th>
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| Learning Objectives | To understand the importance testing a rocket prior to launch  
To test rocket launches by adjusting the forces |
| Lesson duration | 1 hour |

| Starter | What is a physical element? – ask pupils what they think are the physical elements and discuss weight and thrust by revisiting their homework to look at failed missions and see if anyone found anywhere these were the reason for the failures | PowerPoint and homework |
| Main | - Why is it important to thoroughly test a rocket before the actual launch?  
- Discuss and look at list and add any to build knowledge of the importance of testing  
- Introduce the simulation tool - online flash tool and hand out worksheet – challenge is to adjust the physical elements weight (mass) and thrust to try and get the rocket higher.  
- Discuss the detail of the worksheet (on slide 6 too) the adjustable sections and definitions to ensure understanding  
- Complete the worksheet adding the details of their simulations and the heights achieved  
- On slide 7 there is a graph built in for bringing everyone back together to share the best height they achieved – right click on the graph and select ‘edit data’ to add the data to excel and build the graph | PowerPoint Worksheet |
| Plenary | Plenary – look at the graph and find the highest the rocket achieved and complete the table on slide 8 with the details of the rocket launch | PowerPoint |
| Homework | NASA word search on keywords – building literacy | Worksheet |
**Lesson 7 – Paper Aeroplanes**

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| **Learning Objectives** | To consider how design can affect the flight  
To understand how forces affect a paper aeroplane  
To test and gather data from a flight effectively |
| **Lesson duration** | 1 hour |

**Starter**

Give all pupils a piece of paper and they have 2 minutes to make a paper aeroplane, then stand at one end and throw them to see how far they go.

- What was different between all your aeroplanes?
- What as similar?
- What impacted on the distance they travelled?
- What could be done different?

Aim to discuss the difference in designs and similar common designs, the difference in who threw them and how much thrust they put into the throw and also how different paper/card (i.e. weight) would impact the distance.

**Main**

- All get into groups of 2 or 3
- There is a folder of paper aeroplane designs and the pupils are to choose one and make it and test it
- Different paper weights (GSMs) will allow testing of the weight of the aeroplane as well as the person throwing and thrust behind it.
- Worksheet is to accompany the testing to allow the pupils to think the task through and make sure they are considering the key aspects
- In order to gather the data it would be useful for a number of the designs to be created within the classroom
- There needs to be a tape measure in each group so the distance can be measured
- The slide is available again to add the data of the distance travelled for each design allowing data gathering as well as analysis to determine the better design and importance of experimenting with designs

**Plenary**

Which design went the furthest?  
What have you learnt from this task?

**Homework**

Creative writing - Write an entry in an astronaut’s diary. Think about what it might feel like to travel into space and what things you might experience. Remember that your opinions will vary depending on the time period your astronaut is from.
**Lesson 8 – Launching**

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**Starter**

What is the map of?  
The map shows the main rocket launch sites and if t can be seen on the screen shows the number of launches within the colours and key  

**Main**

- **What is important to a launch site?**  
  Aim to get the pupils to think about large open spaces with little population due to the impact of a launch. Possibly start to think about the weather conditions within the country of launch  
  - **Can you name any launch sites?**  
    Main one most know is Kennedy Space Centre  
  - **Launch sites and weather**  
    - Why is weather important to consider when looking for a launch site?  
    - A launch site has a set of guidelines  
    - Detailed weather patterns are looked at  
  - **Look at the impact of lightning and why weather is so important to avoid prior to and within a launch**  
  - **Task 1** – Pupils to use the world map to annotate where the main launch sites are and add any details of extreme weather issues in the launch area  
  - **Task 2** – Create a report about the launch sites and think about where in the world they are and the what weather conditions are in these areas as well as the extreme weather conditions in that area, and research the weather conditions in the area and what would need to be considered if you launched a rocket from there.  

**Plenary**

Where would you launch a rocket from and why?  

**Homework**

Research the V2 Rocket and create a fact sheet on it
Lesson 9 – Missions – Success or Failure

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**Starter**

- Look at homework and the history of the V2 rocket
- What did they find out?
- Watch video clip of launches – showing failures and success

**Main**

- Is there such a word as failure? Do they not learn from the launch issue and rectify to improve overall? All launches are tested thoroughly in order to ensure successful missions
- Task 1 - Nasa’s top 10 missions - Using the worksheet and links the pupil will need to research the NASA missions and detail what the mission was. The second section of the worksheet then looks at a selection of rocket launch fails and the pupil will need to find out what went wrong and determine which were physical issues and which were environmental issues
- Look at air temperature with a mini experiment using a hair dryer and paper aeroplane – what affect does the air temperature have between hot and cold and also the wind speed

**Plenary**

- What is a physical issue?
- What is an environmental issue?

**Homework**

- What materials are needed to build a rocket
Lesson 10 and 11 – Rocket Shape and designs

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**Starter**
- What were the forces? What materials are used in rockets? [PowerPoint]

**Main**
- Look at different materials used – list on PowerPoint but could be strengthened with examples of these to allow pupils to understand
- Look at rocket coating and the importance for re-entry
- Look at rocket diagram and parts
- Task1 – links to previous task and using the worksheet complete the diagram by putting the rocket parts in the right place - **Extension** - Annotate the possible materials that would be used for that part
- Task2 - **What shape is a rocket? Does this change?** Research the different rockets launched and what affect the different shapes had and what you thought of them. Research and complete the worksheet
- For the remainder of this lesson and next they will need to come up with a couple of designs for a rocket (coursework)
  - Candidates should be able to use their knowledge of forces and environmental elements to come up with some designs.
  - They will need to annotate how their choices help against the forces and environmental elements

**Plenary**
- Show your designs to the person next to you and ask them:
  1. What could be improved?
  2. Is anything missing?
  3. Are my explanations clear enough?

**Homework**
- Who was Robert H Goddard and what did he do? Complete the profile page with a picture, key facts and description of what he invented [Worksheet]
## Lesson 12 – Introduction to Kerbal

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### Starter
What do you need to launch a rocket?
- Nose – the top cone of a rocket?
- Where will the pilot sit?
- Do you need fins?
- Where will the fuel go?
- Parachute?

### Main
- Explain that Kerbal is a piece of software where you can:
  - build a rocket using different parts
  - launch a rocket into space
  - achieve orbit
  - visit planets
  - control a rocket in space and take off/land
  - complete missions
- Pupils to open Kerbal and complete the toolbar worksheet to help understand the interface and where parts are located.
- Pupils to open and follow the instructions to build, launch and orbit a rocket

### Plenary
What happened to the rocket and the pilot?

### Homework
Newton’s 3 laws worksheet
# Lesson 13 – Working on a mission with Kernal

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| Learning Objectives | To test different rockets  
To experiment with different parts  
To launch and control a selection of rockets |
| Lesson duration | 1 hour but can be longer depending on how many missions completed |

| Starter | Look at homework of the 3 laws and discuss to ensure understanding  
*Watch video linking this theory and shows the effects of the 3 laws in space - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvPF0cQUW7s&feature=youtu.be* | Homework  
PowerPoint |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Main | All pupils to follow the Kerbal missions to understand the different elements of Kerbal looking at:  
• How to build different rockets,  
• How to control different rockets  
• How to adjust and edit a rocket  
• To look at and work out what went wrong with different controls and launches  
• To start to think about the parts they may use and the type of rocket they will use.  
• Start to make notes on the rockets that worked  
• Complete mission logs for each mission completed  
• Can be completed individually or in pairs to help understanding and discussion  
• Worksheet on navball symbols available to be completed | PowerPoint  
Worksheet  
Kerbal  
Navball symbol worksheet |
| Plenary | Discussion on missions completed – what went well and what went wrong - Share mission logs / peer discussion or class |  |
| Homework | Create a fact file (1 x A4) on the main facts on the SPACE RACE – this will help in later lessons | Worksheet available as start |
Lesson 14 – Testing a rocket in Kerbal

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<th>To start to create their rocket or adjust a previous rocket</th>
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**Starter**

What would happen if ……

Think about one of your rocket launches from previous lessons

What if you changed a part – what affect would that have?

*Main aim is for pupils to understand the need to test different components and settings in order to achieve a better design/launch*

**Main**

Pupils are to use the lesson to gather evidence of the simulations they have undertaken in Kerbal – use the rocket from one of your test flights and add evidence of the launch and the changes made with the effect on the rocket and launch.

This part is coursework and it is important that the pupils use a rocket and show development by testing different parts or settings and screenshot the changes and describe the effects on the rocket and launch.

**Plenary**

Discussion / self assessment / peer assessment opportunities

**Homework**

None as next few lessons are on coursework – can be used for any elements that need strengthening or focused on

*Research / revision*
### Lesson 15-16 – Coursework Tasks

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1.2 I can identify and explain limitations on rocket flight created by physical elements  
1.3 I can explain principles of forces which make flight possible.  
1.4 I can explain environmental factors which will make flight possible  
1.5 I can explain how to incorporate an understanding of physical forces into the final designs.  
1.6 I can use simulation to minimise problems in my final tests |
| Learning Objectives | To understand the importance materials in a rocket  
To experiment with different rocket designs  
To analyse the rocket launches |
| Lesson duration | 2 hour |

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<th>Starter</th>
<th>Recap key aspects of forces</th>
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| Main | • Look at checklist for completing coursework  
• Using the coursework frame – complete sections 1-5 | |
| Plenary | Self assessment against checklist and setting SMART targets | |
| Homework | | |
### Lesson 17 – Materials and Rockets

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| **Specification Covered** | 2.1 I can identify materials used in the construction of rockets and explain why they are useful.  
2.2 I can describe the properties of materials that make them suitable for rockets |
| **Learning Objectives** | To understand the importance materials in a rocket  
To identify materials needed in a rocket  
To describe why certain materials need to be used in a rocket |
| **Lesson duration** | 1 hour |

| **Starter** | Matching task on forces and Newtons 3 laws | Worksheet  
PowerPoint |
| **Main** |  
• Look at list of materials  
• Introduce task – look at software options  
• Research and create a mood board / poster on all materials  
• Include the name of the materials and the advantages and disadvantages of each one.  
• Think about temperature effect on the material | PowerPoint |
| **Plenary** | Crack the code – keyword ‘lightweight’ | PowerPoint |
| **Homework** | Create a logo for your own Rocket |  |
# Lesson 18 – Pencil Rockets

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| Specification Covered | 2.1 I can identify materials used in the construction of rockets and explain why they are useful.  
2.2 I can describe the properties of materials that make them suitable for rockets |
| Learning Objectives | To understand the importance materials in a rocket  
To experiment with different rocket designs  
To analyse the rocket launches |
| Lesson duration | 1 hour |

### Starter
- What is the hardest part about going into space?  
- Why is this?  
- So how does something huge and heavy like a spacecraft manage to break away from Earth’s gravity?  
- What is a rocket?  
- How does it work?  
- Where do these gases come from?  
- For something to burn what do you need?  
- But there is no air in Space! So how do the fuels burn?  

### Main
- They will be launching pencil rockets in groups of 2 and use the handout guide on how to create the pencil rocket  
  - Think about design  
  - Think about the materials you will use  
  - Think about how you will measure the distance travelled  
  - Think about what you learn from this and how it can help your rocket designs  

- **There are two options** – *simple pencil rockets for limited resources and space and a more advanced option where a launch aspect is created also.*

### Plenary
- DISCUSSION:  
  What is similar and different between the pencil rockets and the water rockets?  
  What have you learnt from doing both these tasks?  

### Homework
**Lesson 19 – Coursework**

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<th>Students will complete the coursework task for 2.1 and 2.2 in booklet (section 6)</th>
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| Specification Covered | 2.1 I can identify materials used in the construction of rockets and explain why they are useful.  
2.2 I can describe the properties of materials that make them suitable for rockets |
| Learning Objectives | To describe the different materials  
To describe the suitability of the material in a rocket |
| Lesson duration | 1 hour |

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<th>Starter</th>
<th>What is important when considering materials for a rocket?</th>
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| Main    | • Pupils to use research and previous lessons content to complete the coursework task in the booklet (section 6) describing the different materials  
  o Titanium  
  o Carbon  
  o Silicon  
  o Aluminium  
  o Magnesium  
  o Nickel  
  o Chromium  
  o Yttrium  
  o (nick-RAL-ly)  
  o Carbon Fiber  
  • Also describe the suitability of these materials within a rocket – looking at temperature, weight, strength, | Coursework Booklet  
PowerPoint |

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| Learning Objectives | To identify the force used  
To describe how the force can be adjusted  
To create a rocket and launch mouse |
| Lesson duration | 1 hour |

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<th>Show the milk bottle and paper and ask how can we use this to launch a rocket and see what ideas they come up with</th>
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| Main    | • Show a demo of a completed rocket mouse and show how the force of the power on the milk bottle affects the launch  
• All pupils to create a mouse and ensure that they have a distinctive element to determine whose is whose when launched  
• Complete testing worksheet – describing the thrust applied and the height achieved  
• All pupils create a rocket mouse – in groups measure and launch to document own mouse heights  
• Can be extended into a competition |
|         | Plastic  
Milk bottle (4 pint)  
Paper  
Scissors  
Cellotape  
Rubber glove  
Pens  
Tape measure |
| Plenary | Graph of heights achieved throughout the group – discuss whose went highest and why |
| Homework | Who was first in space? – worded so it will depend what they look at animals / objects / humans |
Lesson 21 – The atmosphere

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| Learning Objectives | To describe what the atmosphere is  
To describe how the atmosphere affects material choices  
To determine the best materials for rocket |
| Lesson duration | 1 hour |

**Starter**

What is the atmosphere?  
- Video  
- Discuss what the video showed  
- Look at definitions and keywords

**Main**

- Research the following questions and create a leaflet for new astronauts as a fact file on the topic  
  o What is the atmosphere?  
  o Why is heat an issue when launching a rocket into space?  
  o What and how can distortions affect a rocket?  
  o What materials need to be on the outside of a rocket to withstand the launch and atmosphere?  
  o What effect does the atmosphere have on the forces?  
  o How does gravity affect the rocket?

**Plenary**

Peer assessment – swap with another and look at each other’s PowerPoint’s and give constructive feedback

**Homework**

Research question – what forces need to be considered in space? As not all are
**Lesson 22 – Coursework**

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| Main | • Pupils need to decide on the materials they would use in a rocket and describe why they would - referring to the forces and how the material is suitable for the rocket.  
• Pupils complete the coursework booklet - **evidence section 7** and use one of the following options  
1. Use Kerbal and screenshot the rocket and use the parts to describe what materials they are (*you can use templates and edit them from previous lessons*)  
2. Use the blueprint to draw out the parts and annotate (describe) the materials and the parts etc on the blueprint or an accompaniment with the blueprint  
3. Or a written description of parts, materials and forces | PowerPoint Coursework booklet |
| Plenary | Self/peer assess | |
| Homework |  |  |
## Lesson 23 – The Space Race

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<th>Pupils to look at the space race and understand how the countries competed to get a rocket into space</th>
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| Learning Objectives | To describe the key facts of the space race  
To identify who was in the space race  
To create an informative news broadcast |
| Lesson duration | 1 hour |

### Starter
Refer to previous homework and ask what was the space race to see what they already know  
- Look at some definitions of the space race and discuss the countries involved and the need to be the lead power in space

### Main
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvaEvCNYm0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvaEvCNYm0)  
- ‘Welcome to the year of the Space Race’ news broadcast  
- Put pupils into groups of 2 or 3 and get them to create a script, record their broadcast either video or audio *(green screen opportunity)*  
  - Include as many key facts as possible  
  - Try not to be bias towards one country  
  - Who won the space race?  
- *If no software available in school – audacity is free audio recording option*  
- *Software on Ipads – imovie if available*  
- *Movie Maker on windows*  

### Plenary
Share the News – peer feedback on news broadcasts

### Homework
How has space travel affected our daily lives?
**Lesson 24 – Coursework – historical milestones**

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**Starter**
Discuss homework findings – what has been developed following space travel?
- What did you find out from homework?
- How has space travel affected our daily lives?

**Main**
- Space exploration has created new markets and new technologies that have spurred our economy and changed our lives in many ways.
- Look at table of advancements in:
  - health and medicine,
  - transport,
  - public safety,
  - consumer,
  - home and recreation,
  - environmental and agricultural resources and computer technology
- Explain coursework task - To explain historical construction techniques and developments. *Candidates should be able to show an understanding of the main milestones of rocket development*
- Use the space to describe the key historical developments i.e. first rocket, the space race and how this has impacted the world today
- Complete the coursework booklet section 8

**Plenary**
Complete checklist

**Homework**
Complete checklist
Lesson 25 – Setting up your rocket

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<th>Weight Equals Money – why is weight so important with launching a rocket? Discuss</th>
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| Main    | • Introduce the term aerodynamics  
          • Look at diagram created in lesson 22 and look at the materials chosen – highlight the materials chosen and explain why  
          • Using Kerbal look at the parts you would need and costings of the rocket – using Kerbal will be able to look at costs and work out how much to build their design  
          • Create a shopping list using the worksheet – document the part, material choices, cost (according to Kerbal)  
          • Total up - | PowerPoint |
| Plenary | Look at - The giant rocket NASA is building to carry astronauts to Mars and other destinations in deep space may cost $500 million per launch when it's flying regularly, space agency officials said Tuesday (Sept. 11). – quote and discuss if worth it and extend to what is most expensive? | PowerPoint |
| Homework|                                                                                |            |
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**Lesson 26 – Simulations rocket**

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<td>• Pupils are to look at possible designs and materials they have chosen so far and can build/test this in Kerbal &lt;br&gt;• The testing will help refine the design possible choices – materials can be edited on the coursework in order to develop the design &lt;br&gt;• Testing/design development worksheet available to complete to help pupils refine the designs &lt;br&gt;• Self-assessment opportunities &lt;br&gt;• Complete section 9 - paste in a diagram/print screen of their rocket and label the materials you have chosen to use and explain why you chose them and the outcome of the simulations in Kerbal. Can use table worksheet to show this in the coursework with diagram/screenshots?</td>
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| Homework              | Homework is to look at composites in relation to rocket materials and research the following: <br>• Micro-composites <br>• Piezoelectric <br>• Carbon-Carbon <br>• Metals <br>How has NASA’s development of materials helped industry? | Worksheet |

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