Memorable Moments of 2012
Supersonic Skydive

Extreme athlete Felix Baumgartner dropped to Earth from 24.5 miles in the air, at 833 mph, in a historic fall from the very edge of space.
Queen’s Diamond Jubilee

The Diamond Jubilee was a celebration held throughout 2012 marking the 60th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne. Street parties were held throughout the country and events in London, including the River Thames Jubilee Pageant, The Diamond Jubilee Concert and a Royal Procession, were attended by around one million people.
The London Olympic Games began with a spectacular opening ceremony devised by Danny Boyle entitled Isles of Wonder and featured Bradley Wiggins, James Bond and the Queen. Team GB won 65 medals in total - 29 gold, 17 silver and 19 bronze.
Britain came third in the Paralympic games. David Weir and Sarah Storey, among many others, were successful athletes in the Paralympics. Paralympics GB took home 120 medals including 34 gold, 43 silver and 43 bronze.
Andy Murray ended Britain’s 76 year wait for a male Grand Slam singles champion with an epic victory over Novak Djokoicick in the US Open tennis championship final.
2012 was the second wettest year on record with heavy rain causing flooding in many parts of the country. Thousands of people’s homes were flooded in September when the most severe storm in 30 years hit the UK.
US Elections

Barack Obama was re-elected as President of the United States.
Hurricane Sandy, which later became Storm Sandy, was a storm that devastated portions of the Caribbean and the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern United States during late October 2012. The storm became the largest Atlantic hurricane on record and the second-costliest Atlantic hurricane, behind only Hurricane Katrina. At least 253 people were killed along the path of the storm in seven countries.
Euro 2012 was held in Poland and the Ukraine. Spain won Euro 2012, becoming both the World Cup Champions (2010) and Euro Cup Champions.
Tour De France

Bradley Wiggins became the first British rider to win the Tour de France as compatriot Mark Cavendish claimed a fourth consecutive final-stage victory.
The Mayans were an ancient people that lived thousands of years ago, in Central America. Mayans used a Long Count calendar which ended on 21st December, 2012. Some people thought the end of the Mayan calendar meant the world would end - of course it didn’t!
Mars Science Laboratory - nicknamed Curiosity - is the largest and most powerful rover ever sent to Mars. Among its many instruments is the first video camera taken to another planet. The rover also features the first 3D camera to travel to Mars.