

## **Supermarionation vocabulary**

- Animatronics – the use of robotic systems to create lifelike movement in models or creatures for film and television.
- Aqua Marina – the closing theme song from the 1964 series Stingray, composed by Barry Gray.
- Barry Gray – composer who created the orchestral music for many Gerry Anderson series.
- Blue Peter – the world's longest-running children's TV show, famous for its creative "makes" and the Tracey Island model segment.
- Captain Scarlet – a 1967 Gerry Anderson series featuring Spectrum, a defence agency fighting the Mysterons from Mars.
- Claymation – stop-motion animation using clay figures that are reshaped between frames.
- Cosgrove Hall – British animation studio behind Danger Mouse and Count Duckula.
- Dynamation – Ray Harryhausen's stop-motion technique combining animated models with live-action footage.
- FAB – catchphrase from Thunderbirds, used as an acknowledgment similar to "Roger" or "OK."
- Gerry Anderson – British producer and director who pioneered Supermarionation television series.
- International Rescue – the secret organisation in Thunderbirds operated by the Tracy family.
- Jim Henson – American puppeteer and creator of the Muppets and Sesame Street characters.
- Marionette – a string-operated puppet controlled from above.
- Morph – Aardman Animations' clay character first seen on Take Hart in 1977.
- Muppet – portmanteau of "marionette" and "puppet," describing Jim Henson's unique hand puppets.
- Punch and Judy – traditional British seaside puppet show featuring Mr Punch and his wife Judy.
- Ray Harryhausen – legendary stop-motion animator known for films like Jason and the Argonauts.
- Supermarionation – Gerry Anderson's electronic marionette system synchronised with recorded dialogue.
- The Clangers – 1969 stop-motion series about knitted creatures living on a small blue planet.
- Thunderbirds – 1965 series about the Tracy brothers and their futuristic rescue missions.
- Tokusatsu – Japanese live-action genre known for practical effects, giant monsters, and superheroes.
- Tracey Island – fictional base of International Rescue in Thunderbirds; subject of Blue Peter's famous craft project.
- Tracy Brothers – the five sons of Jeff Tracy who operate the Thunderbird rescue vehicles.
- WASP – World Aquanaut Security Patrol, the underwater defence organisation in Stingray.