2021

The first flight on another world.

A small helicopter flew on Mars, AlphaFold's protein structures were opened to every scientist, and Webb launched on Christmas Day.

What rose

April. Ingenuity makes the first powered, controlled flight on another planet. Source: Ingenuity (helicopter)

July. DeepMind and EMBL open AlphaFold's protein structure predictions to all scientists. Source: AlphaFold

December. The James Webb Space Telescope launches on an Ariane 5. Source: James Webb Space Telescope

What fell or stalled

U.S. life expectancy fell for a second year, to 76.4. Source: CDC, Data Brief 456

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