

YEAR 2 - TOPIC: EXPLORERS

This is what we are learning in history lessons this half term.

What are explorers?

An explorer is someone who goes on a journey to find out about somewhere or something new.

They can also be someone who explores unusual travel e.g. climbing mountains, or rowing across oceans.



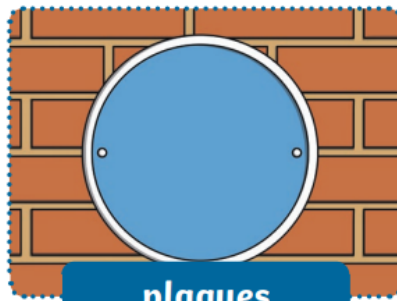
It takes a lot of bravery and strength to be an explorer, so a lot of explorers are seen as inspirational.

Key Vocabulary

achievement	Something challenging that a person does well.
astronaut	A person who is trained to travel in space.
compass	A tool for finding direction. A compass always points North.
equipment	Objects that are needed for an activity, such as exploring.
expedition	A journey taken for a reason, such as exploring somewhere or something.
polar	Polar describes anything about (or near) the North Pole or South Pole.
significant	Important and worth knowing about.

Significance

Significant people are people who have made important achievements. They are often remembered in different ways.



plaques



monuments



stamps

Key People

Who?



Captain James Cook



Matthew Henson



Neil Armstrong



Felicity Aston

What?

He joined the Royal Navy and became very good at making maps.
He sailed to different places on his ship called the Endeavour and discovered Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti.

He travelled all over the world with his friend Robert Peary.
They tried to reach the North Pole 7 times.
On the 8th time, he became the first person to reach the North Pole (The Arctic).
“I think I’m the first man to sit on top of the world.”

He took part in NASA’s Apollo 11 mission to land on the moon.
He was the first person to walk on the moon.
“That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind”.

She was the first woman to ski across Antarctica (South Pole).
She was completely alone and it took her 59 days.
The distance was over 1000 miles.

When?

Born in 1728 in Middlesbrough, England.
Achievement 1770.

Born in Maryland, America in 1866.
Achievement 1909.

Born in Ohio, America in 1930.
Achievement 1969.

Born in 1977 in Kent, England.
Achievement 2012.