



Exciting Explorers and Significant People

Key facts:

- There are 7 continents: Asia, Africa, North America, South American, Antarctica, Europe, Australia.
- The 5 ocean names are the Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Arctic Ocean and the Southern Ocean.
- The United Kingdom is made up of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- London is the capital of England, Cardiff is the capital of Wales, Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland and Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland.
- Neil Armstrong was an American astronaut and aeronautical engineer, and the first human being to walk on the Moon.
- In December 2015, Tim Peake became the first British astronaut to visit the International Space Station and conduct a spacewalk during his six-month mission.
- The explorer Christopher Columbus made four trips across the Atlantic Ocean from Spain: in 1492, 1493, 1498 and 1502.

Continent: any of the world's main continuous expanses of land (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica)

Explorer: a person who explores a new or unfamiliar area.

Learning Journey— Our learning this term will follow the theme 'Exciting Explorers and Significant People.' Throughout this geography focused topic the children will be learning about the seven continents and the world's oceans. They will learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and will learn to locate and name their capital cities. The children will also carry out a small expedition on school grounds and will learn to follow and draw their own maps.

As part of our history learning the children will find out about significant explorers and will investigate how they contributed to national and international achievements. They will learn about and compare the journeys of Neil Armstrong, Tim Peake and Christopher Columbus and will explore their experiences as explorers.

Need to know

World
planet
England
Northern Ireland
Scotland
Wales
United Kingdom
Britain
journey
city
town
village
countryside
river
hill
map
explorer
travel
timeline

Nice to know

Christopher Columbus
Neil Armstrong
Tim Peake
astronaut
continent
Asia
Africa
North America
South America
Antarctica
Europe
Australia
landmark

Super specialist

voyage
Human geographical features
Physical geographical features
National
International
Significant

<u>Links to Prior Learning</u>	<u>Key Texts</u>	<u>Links to Future Learning</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children have some prior learning about London from our learning about the Great Fire of London. Children have some prior knowledge of significant people such as Samuel Pepys. Children have some knowledge of maps from previous topics such as our 'Fire! Fire!' topic. Children have some prior knowledge of towns and cities from our 'Fire! Fire!' topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i> by Michael Rosen <i>Out and About: A First Book of Poems</i> by Shirley Hughes <i>Children's Picture Atlas</i> by Ruth Brocklehurst <i>To the Edge of the World</i> by Julia Green 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links to our next topic 'Awesome Africa'. For example, learning about the continent of Africa, learning about travel in Africa. Links to future topics of 'Great Great Britain' and 'Travel and Transport' in which we will revisit learning about continents, oceans and the United Kingdom.

Family Fun

- Explore a range of maps and atlas books. Eg *Children's Picture Atlas* by Ruth Brocklehurst
- Visit the library to find books about journeys, Christopher Columbus, the continents or United Kingdom.
- Visit Tim Peake's website to look at his photos taken from space! <https://www.timpeake.com/media/tims-view/>
- Draw map of your journey to school. Think carefully about using a key and the landmarks you might see on the way.
- Draw a treasure map for someone else and ask them to find the treasure!
- Learn the continents song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE>
- Use Espresso to find out about the 7 continents. Make a fact book!
- Visit some key landmarks in London and take some pictures.
- Find out more about Christopher Columbus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThZj9TEMwgE>

