St John Fisher RC Primary School
Year 2 Knowledge Organiser – Autumn Term Two – History

What we will be learning

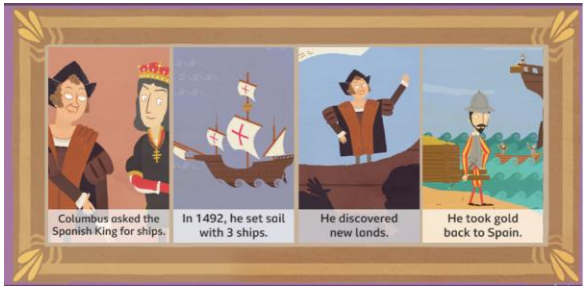
I know:

Lesson 2

- Christopher Columbus was a famous explorer who lived over 500 years ago
- Columbus discovered new lands we called the Americas and brought back goods such as pineapples and turkeys
- Columbus sailed on Spanish ships

Lesson 3

- The Spanish sent soldiers to get the gold and the local people were treated badly –
- Some people remember Columbus for being a brave explorer who discovered the new lands, others remember how much misery was caused for the people



A timeline of events

Key Facts to Remember about Christopher Columbus

- He lived in the 15th century – over 500 years ago
- He is remembered as a famous explorer
- He sailed the seas to lots of countries in search of wealth
- He set sail for The Indies, but went West and found The Americas (The Bahamas)
- People were already living there, therefore he did not 'discover' it. However, his is thought to be the first recorded visit by Europeans and his journey inspired other explorers to go.





Columbus set sail from Spain and went West



La Pinta **La Nina** **Santa Maria**

The Three Ships the Columbus and his crew sailed in.

Key Vocabulary

explorer	A person who explains an unfamiliar area.
The Indies	Lands in the Eastern Hemisphere, including the islands and mainland around the Indian Ocean.
'The Americas' explored by Columbus	Columbus and his crew first landed in the Bahamas and then explored other islands now known as Cuba, The Dominican Republic, and Haiti.

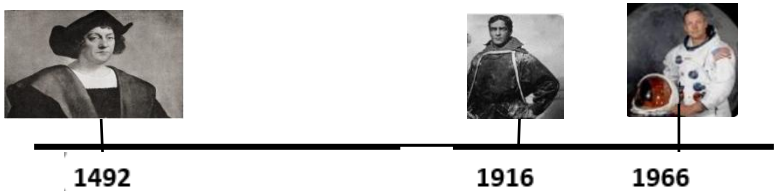
Where's the evidence?



A letter written by Columbus in 1493 to the Kind and Queen if Spain when he returned from his voyage. To tell them all about his 'discovery'.

A **Primary Source** written at the time. (Gilderlehrman Institute)

Explorers studied in Key Stage One



Significant individuals who inspired others to continue to explore:

- **The New World**
- **The Polar Regions**
- **Space**

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Lesson 4

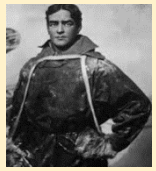
- Antarctica is surrounded by the Southern Ocean that can be located on a world map and a globe
- Ernest Shackleton was a famous explorer
- Shackleton went on several trips to explore the South Pole on the continent of Antarctica

Lesson 5

- Shackleton's most famous journey was on a ship called Endurance
- Shackleton rescued his crew when they became trapped in ice

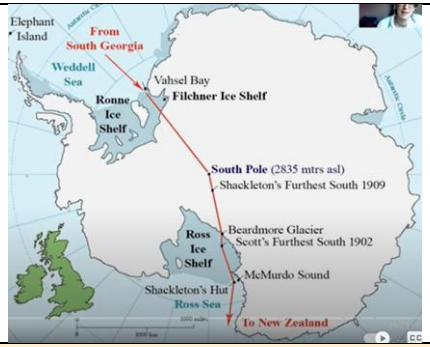
Key Facts to Remember about Ernest Shackleton

- He was an explorer in the early 20th century – over 100 years ago.
- He wanted to see places people had never been to before.
- He went on several trips to explore the South Pole.
- His most famous journey was on a ship called Endurance in 1914.
- Shackleton wanted to make the first overland crossing of the vast continent of Antarctica, but the Endurance sank.



8th August 1914 Endurance sets sail from Plymouth, England	**18th January 1915** Endurance becomes stuck in ice	**27th October 1915** The crew abandon ship and camp on the ice	**21st November 1915** Endurance sinks	**9th April 1916** The crew leave the ice and launch lifeboats into water	**15th April 1916** They land on Elephant island and set up camp	**24th April 1916** Shackleton and 5 others set sail for South Georgia to get help	**10th May 1916** They land on South Georgia	**30th August 1916** Shackleton returns to Elephant Island to rescue the rest of the crew. All are rescued.

Key Vocabulary	
Explorer	A person who explains an unfamiliar area.
Antarctica	The Southernmost continent – ice covered land mass.
South Pole	The southernmost point of the Earth.
Elephant Island	An ice covered mountainous island off the coast of Antarctica
Abandon ship	Get off the ship because it's sinking



Where's the evidence?



Frank Hurley's photo – **A Primary Source**

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