



## Portfields Primary School Medium Term Plan



Year Group – 1

Subject – **History**


Topic – **The Greatest Explorers**

Term - **Spring 1**

Rising Stars POS Statements	Key Questions	Substantive Knowledge	Key Vocabulary	Real-Life Links
<p>1.2.1 Know where people and events fit within a chronological framework.</p> <p>1.5.1 Understand some of the ways in which they can find out about the past and identify different ways it is represented.</p> <p>1.6.1 Ask and answer questions, choose and use parts of stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events, use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms.</p>	<p>Who are some key explorers in history and what did they do? Why is exploration of the world so important? In the present day, why are we no longer exploring much of the Earth? What are we now exploring? How can we find out about explorers from the past?</p>	<p>Describe key explorers in history and explain how their journeys differed.</p>	<p>Same Different Before After Past Now Timeline Year Key Events</p>	<p>- Have pupils ever explored somewhere themselves? - What journeys have the pupils been on? - Have the pupils been on boats or planes before? Have they road camels or donkeys?</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Technical Questions</b></p> <p>What is an explorer? <i>An explorer is somewhere who travels far in an attempt to find something that no-one else has yet seen.</i></p> <p>Who is Ibn Battuta? <i>Ibn Battuta was born in Tangier in Morocco in 1304. He spent 29 years travelling around the world, on foot, on camels, on donkeys and on boats. When Ibn returned to Morocco later in his life, he told his tales to a scholar, who wrote them down in a book.</i></p> <p>Why are some Historians not sure that the information in Battuta's book is not accurate? <i>As Battuta kept no notes or diaries on his journeys, it means that he may have forgotten some of the details, or even added some information into the stories to make them seem more exciting.</i></p> <p>Who is Captain Cook? <i>In 1768, Cook went on his first voyage to observe the planet Venus. While visiting the island of Tahiti, he was successful in observing Venus but he was given secret orders to find new lands in the Pacific Ocean. He returned to sea from 1772 to 1775 and went further than any European had done before – he even crossed the Atlantic circle.</i></p>	<p>Why do some people not believe that Cook was a great explorer? <i>He did not treat the people he met in New Zealand and Australia well. Cook claimed the land for the British government and forced them to be ruled by the UK. This led to a dispute with the indigenous people where Cook was killed.</i></p> <p>Who were Scott and Amundsen and where did they race to? Who won? <i>Captain Robert Falcon Scott and Roald Amundsen were both explorers that travelled to the South Pole. They had never planned to race each other, but they both attempted to reach the south pole at the same time. Amundsen reached the south pole on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1911 and returned safely home with all of his men. Scott reached the South Pole on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1912, but sadly died with the rest of his men on the return journey.</i></p>		
<p><b>Orange Paper Assessments</b></p> <p>1. What is an explorer? <i>Someone who first discovers a new area.</i></p> <p>2. We're not sure Ibn Battuta's discoveries are true because... o He lied lots o He lost all his notes o <b>didn't make any notes</b></p> <p>3. What country did Captain Cook discover? o Japan o Mexico o <b>Australia</b></p> <p>4. Some people think Captain Cook shouldn't be called a great explorer because... <i>He wasn't nice to the native Australians.</i></p> <p>5. Who won the race to the North Pole - Amundsen or Scott? <i>Amundsen.</i></p> <p>6. Why did this person win? <i>He had done lots of travelling in the cold before.</i></p> <p>7. What is the name of the spaceman who went into space in 2006 and held the record for the largest number of spacewalks? <i>Sunita Williams.</i></p>	<p>Who is Sunita Williams? <i>Sunita Williams was born in Ohio, USA in 1965. She is an American astronaut and a US Navy officer. She went on her first expedition into space in 2006 on the shuttle Discovery. In the past, she has held records for the largest number of space walks undertaken, and most spacewalk time by a woman. She has been a member of the International Space Station, and in 2012, she commanded Expedition 33.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Disciplinary Knowledge</b></p> <p>Understand that different areas were explored at different times in history, and why this is.</p> <p>Understand how the actions of someone in history can have a significant impact that is still felt today.</p>	<p>Explorer Map Discover Adventure Indigenous Travel Achievement Views Significant South Pole Expedition Space International Space Station</p>	<p><u>Ibn Battuta</u> Travelled across southern and central Asia, northern Africa, Europe, etc.; by foot, camel, donkey and boat. <u>Captain James Cook</u> Travelled the world by ship, including northern America (Hawaii) <u>Captain Robert Scott and Roald Amundsen</u> Travelled Antarctica by ship and skis. <u>Sunita Williams</u> Space and the ISS; by space shuttle. <u>You may consider substituting one of the explorers included in the unit with a local example.</u></p>

### Lesson Breakdown

Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
<p><b>Flashback Four</b></p> <p><u>Last Lesson</u> What were the three Rs that your grandparents were taught at school? <i>Reading, writing and arithmetic.</i></p>	<p><b>Flashback Four</b></p> <p><u>Last Lesson</u> What is an explorer? <i>An explorer is someone who first discovers a new area.</i></p> <p><u>Last Topic</u></p>	<p><b>Flashback Four</b></p> <p><u>Last Lesson</u> Why are people not sure if Ibn Battuta is telling the truth about his exploration? <i>He didn't make any notes whilst exploring.</i></p>	<p><b>Flashback Four</b></p> <p><u>Last Lesson</u> What did Captain Cook discover? <i>The west coast of Australia.</i></p> <p><u>Last Topic</u></p>	<p><b>Flashback Four</b></p> <p><u>Last Lesson</u> Out of Amundsen and Scott, which explorer got to the south pole first? Why? <i>Amundsen got there first because he had already done lots of exploring in the cold and knew what to do to stay safe.</i></p>

<p><u>Last Topic</u> How was your grandparents' childhood different from yours? <i>Answers may vary depending on the visitor. Children may comment on the differences in toys, meals or houses</i></p> <p><u>Last Year</u> What year do you think this man was born? <i>Accept answers between 1970-1985.</i></p>  <p><u>Last Key Stage</u> N/A</p>	<p>Name one way that your grandparents' homes are different than yours. <i>They did not have central heating/They had to use an outdoor toilet.</i></p> <p><u>Last Year</u> What was the date that you were born? <i>Answers vary.</i></p> <p><u>Last Key Stage</u> N/A</p>	<p><u>Last Topic</u> What toys did they have in the early 1950s? <i>Dolls, teddy bears and board games.</i></p> <p><u>Last Year</u> Put these events in order of when they happen in the year: 1. Summer Holidays. 2. Easter. 3. Christmas. <i>2. 3. 1.</i></p> <p><u>Last Key Stage</u> N/A</p>	<p>Your grandparents often bought their meat from a butcher when they were younger. What is a 'butcher'? <i>A butcher is a shop where you can buy different types of meat.</i></p> <p><u>Last Year</u> Put these months in order of when they happen in the year: March. January. February. November. <i>January, February, March, November.</i></p> <p><u>Last Key Stage</u> N/A</p>	<p><u>Last Topic</u> Why were children's toys often handmade in the past? <i>To save money.</i></p> <p><u>Last Year</u> What is Remembrance Day for? <i>We used it to remember the people who died fighting for our country in the war.</i></p> <p><u>Last Key Stage</u> N/A</p>
<p><u>Learning Objective</u> LO to learn about what explorers did in history and do now, and explain their achievements.</p> <p><u>Success Criteria</u> - I know what an explorer is and what they do. - I can locate some explorers on a timeline. - I can describe what the explorers achieved and why their achievements are significant.</p> <p><u>Star Knowledge</u> An explorer is someone who first discovers a new area. All of the land in the world was once unknown to us and discovered by explorers</p>	<p><u>Learning Objective</u> LO: to learn about Captain Cook and his achievements.</p> <p><u>Success Criteria</u> - I know the key events in the life of Captain Cook. - I can explain why Captain Cook's exploration was significant.</p> <p><u>Star Knowledge</u> Captain Cook was an explorer from 1768. He discovered the West Coast of Australia.</p>	<p><u>Learning Objective</u> LO to understand why there are differing views about whether Captain Cook deserves the title of "a great explorer."</p> <p><u>Success Criteria</u> - I understand that there are differing views about Captain Cook's achievements. - I can contribute to a class timeline with the dates of Captain Cook's exploration.</p> <p><u>Star Knowledge</u> Some people think he shouldn't be called a great explorer because he didn't treat the native Australians very well.</p>	<p><u>Learning Objective</u> LO to understand why Roald Amundsen reached the South Pole before Captain Scott.</p> <p><u>Success Criteria</u> - I know and can compare the key events in the expeditions of Roald Amundsen and Captain Robert Falcon Scott. - I can answer the following question: Who was most significant Roald Amundsen or Captain Robert Falcon Scott? - I can contribute to a class timeline with the dates of Roald Amundsen and Captain Scott's explorations.</p> <p><u>Star Knowledge</u> Amundsen and Scott were two explorers who tried to reach the South Pole at the same time. Amundsen achieved this first because he had done lots of travelling in the cold before and knew what to do, whereas Scott had less experience in snowy conditions.</p>	<p><u>Learning Objective</u> LO to know and understand Sunita Williams achievements as an explorer.</p> <p><u>Success Criteria</u> - I can explain the achievements of Sunita Williams and why they are significant. - I can research on an iPad or computer to find the answer to a question I have about Sunita Williams's achievements - I can contribute to a class timeline with the dates of Sunita Williams's explorations.</p> <p><u>Star Knowledge</u> Sunita Williams is an astronaut who first went into space in 2006. She has previously held the record for the largest number of spacewalks undertaken.</p>

*If, after completing the orange paper assessment, you find a large amount of your pupils lack understanding of one particular star knowledge, you should adapt the flashback four questions for "Last Topic" in the next topic, in order to give you time to re-visit this. Please speak to the subject lead to discuss how to do this before editing the questions.*