



Year:

Year 1 / 2

Unit:

Why were Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong brave?

What will I learn in this topic?

Develop historical knowledge and understanding of the lives and significance of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. Discover some navigation techniques and have a go at navigating some simple journeys. Explore the vessels and clothing used for different expeditions and make comparisons across different eras.

National Curriculum – History

Pupils should be taught about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods [for example, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong.]

National Curriculum links to other subjects

Pupils should be taught to name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.

Key Vocabulary

explorer	Someone who goes on a journey to find out about somewhere or something new.
voyage	A long journey involving travel by sea or in space
navigation	Finding a position, and planning and following a route.
achievement	An achievement is something challenging that a person does well.
astronaut	A person who is trained to travel in space.
equipment	Objects that are needed for an activity, such as exploring.
expedition	A journey taken for a reason, such as exploring somewhere or something
discover	Something that you did not know about before
significant	Important and worth knowing about.



Neil Armstrong
1930 – 2012



Christopher Columbus
1451 - 1506



What should I already know?

- I know that explorers discover things and go on adventures.
- I know that people have been to the moon.
- I know that rockets go into space.
- I know that in the past they didn't have cameras, film and televisions
- I know the continents and oceans

Sticky Learning
Sticky Knowledge about Significant people

- Know when Christopher Columbus lived and what he was trying to achieve
- Know about Christopher Columbus's journey and what he discovered
- Explore the Impact of Columbus's voyage and what he brought back to Europe
- Find out who Neil Armstrong is and why he is remembered today
- Find out about Neil Armstrong's landing on the moon and the impact this had on the world
- Be able to compare the lives and achievements of Columbus and Armstrong

Word Aware Vocabulary to be taught directly

May cross over depending on year group and previous experiences

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	explorer voyage navigation achievement astronaut equipment expedition discover significant	

Recommended reads

