



# The Greatest Explorers

Year 1

## Knowing More, Remembering More

Remembering previous learning

In Reception, children will have experienced:

- Learning new vocabulary
- Describing events in some detail
- Engaging in non-fiction texts
- Talking about the lives of people around them and their roles in society.
- Listening attentively and responding to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.

## Key learning steps

- Learn about what explorers did in history and do now, and explain their achievements.
- Learn about the life of Ibn Battuta and why his travels are important.
- Learn about Captain Cook's achievements, and why there are differing views about him deserving the title of a great explorer.
- Understand why Roald Amundsen reached the South Pole before Captain Scott.
- Know and understand Sunita Williams' achievements as an explorer.
- Consider who is the greatest explorer, and be able to explain the reasons.

In this unit children will develop these skills:

- 1.2 Know where people and events fit within a chronological framework.
- 1.6 Understand some of the ways in which they can find out about the past and identify different ways it is represented.
- 1.8 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.

## Key vocabulary:

Explorer, map, discover, equipment, adventure, trade, great, desert, caravan, Hajj, uncharted, navigation, botanist, naturalist, indigenous, pirate, territory, replica, polar, hero, equipment, race, recent, astronaut, space, memorial, achievement, significant.

## Historical Figures:



Ibn Battuta



Captain James Cook



Captain Robert Scott



Roald Amundsen



Sunita Williams

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**What is an explorer, and why are they important?** An explorer is someone who travels to new places to discover things. They often go on adventures to learn about new lands, animals, or cultures.

**Who was Ibn Battuta, and why is he important?** Ibn Battuta was a famous explorer who lived many years ago. He is important because he travelled much further than most people in his time, visiting places in Africa, Asia, and Europe. His travels helped people learn about different languages and cultures, and he wrote about his adventures so others could learn too!

**Who was Captain Cook, and why is he important?** Captain Cook was a famous explorer who sailed to many new places, like Australia and New Zealand. His journeys were important because they helped people learn more about the world. He discovered new lands and made maps.

**Who were Roald Amundsen and Captain Scott, and why are they important?** Roald Amundsen and Captain Robert Falcon Scott were explorers who both wanted to be the first to reach the South Pole. Amundsen got there first because he was better prepared. Scott arrived later and sadly didn't survive the journey back. Both explorers are remembered for their bravery.

**Who is Sunita Williams, and why are her achievements important?** Sunita Williams is a famous astronaut who has spent a lot of time in space and set records for her long missions and spacewalks. Her achievements are important because they inspire other women in space exploration.

**What does it mean to be a great explorer?** Being a great explorer means going on adventures to discover new places, cultures, and ideas. Great explorers are brave and curious, always looking to learn more about the world.

