

# Year 2 Knowledge Organiser - Summer Term

## Great Explorers!



**Ibn Battuta** was born in 1304. He was a great explorer. He spent nearly 30 years travelling. It is thought that he travelled over 78,000 miles visiting the equivalent of 44 modern countries. He wrote down what happened on his journey in a Rihla. Ibn died sometime between 1368 and 1377.

**Christopher Columbus** was born in 1451. He was a sailor and he became famous for finding the 'Americas' in 1492 (though lots of people already lived there!) while he was trying to get to Asia. He died in 1506.

**Neil Armstrong** is famous for being the first human being to set foot on the moon. He was born in 1930 and died in 2012.

**Captain Robert Falcon Scott** was born in Devon in 1868 and became an officer in the Royal Navy. He led two expeditions to Antarctica, the first from 1901 to 1904. He set off on the second expedition in 1910. He and his team reached the pole in January 1912. Unfortunately, the team all died on their journey back.

**Ann Bancroft** is a modern explorer. In 1986, she became the first woman to reach the North Pole on foot and by sled. It took the team of six 56 days to get there. In 2001, Ann and a Norwegian adventurer called Liz Arnesen became the first women to ski across Antarctica.

### Key vocabulary:

**Explorer** - An explorer travels to new places to learn about them.

**Antarctic** - The South Pole is in the Antarctic.

**Rihla** - Rihla means journey or voyage. It also means the written account of that journey.

**1986**

Ann Bancroft became the first woman to reach the North Pole.



**1910 - 1912**

Robert Falcon Scott's second expedition to the South Pole. Scott died.

**1901 - 1904**

Robert Falcon Scott's first expedition to the South Pole.



**1354**

Ibn Battuta wrote his story in a book called a Rihla.



**1506**

Christopher Columbus died.

**1304**

Ibn Battuta was born.

**1492**

Christopher Columbus 'discovered' America.



**1868**

Robert Falcon Scott was born.

**1969**

Neil Armstrong and his team landed on the Moon.



## Knowledge Organiser Quiz

What is a Rihla?			
The festival of light.	A voyage or journey and the written account of that journey.	A special type of bread.	Part of a boat that holds the emergency lifeboats.

Which of these explorers is still alive and exploring today?			
Neil Armstrong	Christopher Columbus	Captain Robert Falcon Scott	Ann Bancroft

Where did Christopher Columbus stumble upon when trying to get to Asia?			
The moon	Egypt	The Americas	Europe

How many expeditions did Captain Robert Falcon Scott lead?			
1	2	3	4

What sort of explorer was Neil Armstrong?			
An astronaut	A sailor	A pirate	A jungle explorer

What is the Antarctic?			
The North Pole	The South Pole	London	Russia