

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Subject: **History**

Topic: **Great Explorers**

Year: 2

What should I already know?

- Astronauts explore space and the moon.
- A sailor explores the sea.
- Some people are famous because of things they have discovered.

What am I going to learn?

- Christopher Columbus was a famous explorer who sailed from Europe to America in 1492.
- He used the sun, stars and a compass to find his way. He thought he had discovered America first but didn't realise that The Vikings had already found it 500 years before him.
- Neil Armstrong was born in 1930 in America. In the 1950's and 1960's space exploration became very important.
- In 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon. He worked for NASA. The mission was called Apollo 11. He travelled with Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin and Michael Collins.



mission



voyage

Vocabulary

Christopher Columbus: He was an Italian navigator and explorer whose voyages to the Americas led to the Spanish colonisation of the New World. He was the first European to land on the South American mainland.

Explorer: A person who explores a new or unfamiliar area.

Mission: An important assignment given to a person or group of people, typically involving travel abroad.

Neil Armstrong: He was an American astronaut and the first man on the moon.

Significant: Someone who is significant is someone of great importance.

Voyage: A long journey involving travel by sea or in space.



Useful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhpchbk/articles/znchkmn>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhpchbk/articles/z4w3mfr>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf49q6f>