



Knowledge Organiser - African Explorers - Class 2



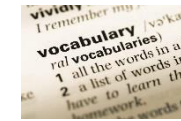
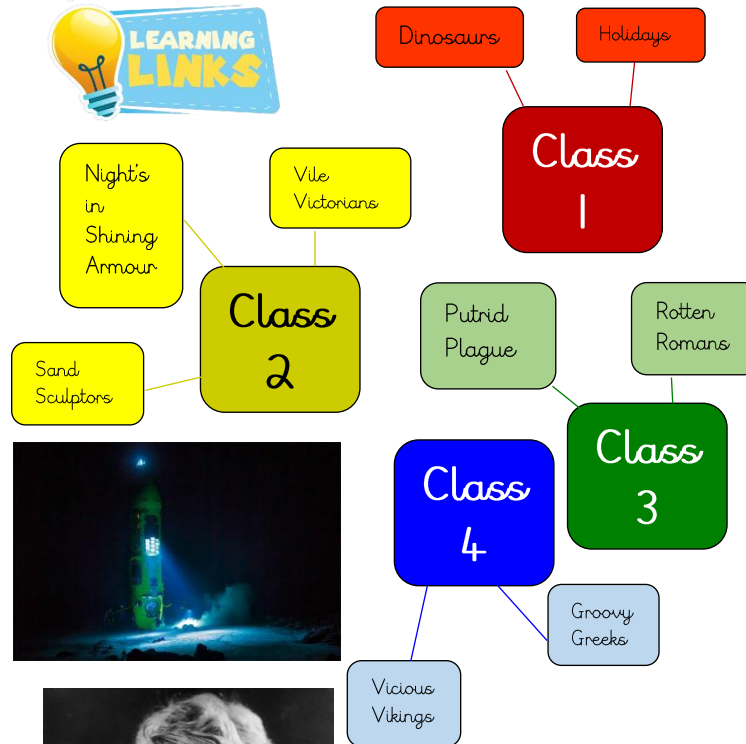
BIG Idea



Explorers from around the world are always in competition with each other to climb higher, faster, arrive earlier and discover new places first. From climbing the highest mountains and diving the deepest oceans, to racing into space and being the first to name a new country, explorers have always wanted to be the winner.

Sticky Knowledge

- ✓ Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon in 1969.
- ✓ Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay climbed Mount Everest first in 1953.
- ✓ Ranulph Fiennes is the oldest Briton to climb Mount Everest in 2009.
- ✓ Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world (8849m).
- ✓ Amelia Earhart was the first woman to pilot a plane solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1932.
- ✓ Challenger Deep is the deepest part of the Pacific Ocean (10,935m).
- ✓ Roald Amundsen was the first person to discover the South Pole in 1911, and the North Pole in 1926.
- ✓ Felicity Aston was the first woman to ski solo across Antarctica in 2012.
- ✓ Dame Ellen MacArthur was the fastest solo sailor to sail around the world in 2005.
- ✓ Christopher Columbus discovered 'The New Worlds of America' in his ship Santa Maria in 1492.
- ✓ Ernest Shackleton was almost successful in discovering Antarctica in his ship Nimrod, but was 97 miles short.
- ✓ Sir Francis Drake was the first Englishman who navigated the globe in a single voyage, defeating the Spanish Armada in 1577.
- ✓ All of these records can be found in The Guinness Book of Records, which was first published in 1955.



Vocabulary

Explorer- a person who goes on a journey to find something or somewhere new.

Achievement- something challenging that a person does well

Competition- an event between two or more people where there will be a winner.

Astronaut- someone who is trained to travel into space.

Sailor- a person who works on board a ship/boat.

Equipment- objects that are taken with you to help.

Polar- anything near or about the North and South Pole.

Significant- important or worth knowing.

Pilot- someone who is trained to fly a plane.

Mount Everest- the tallest mountain in the world.

Antarctica- the area at the South Pole.

Ocean- a large body of water.

Solo- going by yourself (without anyone else).

Plaque/s- a wooden/metal tablet to remember an achievement by someone or a group of people.

Monument/s- a statue, building or other structure to remember a notable person.

Anniversary- the date when an important event took place.