




# Y2 - Great Explorers

## Significant Individuals



Key People	
<p><b>Christopher Columbus</b></p> 	<p>Christopher Columbus was an Italian explorer who lived 1451-1506. He was paid by the King and Queen of Spain to set sail and find a new route to India.</p> <p>He left during September 1492 and when he saw land one month later he believed he had found India and named the people living there Indians. He hadn't actually found India but had in fact found Central America. He claimed the land for Spain and they called it the New World. This started travel between Europe and the Americas.</p> <p>Columbus was seen as a hero but this is not always the case as people think he treated the native Indians very cruelly.</p>
<p><b>Robert Falcon Scott</b></p> 	<p>Captain Scott was a British explorer and he led two expeditions to Antarctica. Just over 100 years ago, he sailed away to begin his second expedition.</p> <p>During his expedition he wanted to find out more about the animals, the weather and the land of Antarctica. Scott and his team also wanted to be the first to reach the South Pole.</p> <p>The Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen reached the South Pole first before Captain Scott and his team. On the 800 mile journey back, Scott and his crew all died through lack of food and the freezing cold.</p>
<p><b>Apollo 11 crew</b></p> 	<p>Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, Buzz Aldrin were astronauts and members of the Apollo 11 mission to be the first crew to orbit and land on the moon.</p> <p>On 20th July 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon. On the 21st July, Armstrong and Aldrin conduct missions and walk on the moon. On the 24th July they arrive back on Earth, landing in the Pacific Ocean. Armstrong died in 2012 and Collins died in 2021.</p>

### Vocabulary

- Antarctica**– The southernmost continent in the world which surrounds the South Pole.
- Astronaut**– A person trained to travel to outer space.
- Commemorate**– To show respect to someone or something.
- Expedition**– A journey taken done for a special reason.
- Far East**– The countries of eastern and south-eastern Asia (such as China, Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Vietnam).
- Frostbite**– Injuries to body tissue caused by extreme cold.
- Hazard**– A risk or possible danger.
- Indigenous**– The original people who live in a place before other people arrived from other places.
- Native Indians**– The people who were already living in North America when Columbus arrived.
- Navigator**– A person who explores the sea.
- Pioneer**– A person who is the first to study or do something.
- Relic**– An object that has survived from the distant past.
- Voyage**– A long journey involving travel by sea.

