

The Knowledge

Supporting the National Curriculum



Ardleigh Green Learning Federation

Land Ahoy!



Year 2

Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together

Knowing More

Remembering More

Learning More

Key People



Captain Cook - 18th century explorer and navigator whose achievements in mapping the Pacific, New Zealand and Australia changed Geography.



Christopher Columbus - explorer from Italy.



Sir Francis Drake - English explorer and sea Captain.

Key Dates

1728 - Captain James Cook was born. ■

1768 - Captain Cook's first voyage to explore the Pacific Ocean.

1772 - Captain Cook's second voyage when he sailed closer to Antarctica than anyone ever had before.

1776 - Captain Cook's final voyage looking for a route between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

1824 - RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) was set up

Key Facts

1. I can use maps to identify seas and oceans and we have learnt about explorers too!
2. Grace Darling became a national heroine after risking her life to save the stranded survivors of the wrecked steamship Forfarshire in 1838.
3. I can study paintings of boats and draw detailed pictures of our own.
4. Stories of pirates have inspired us to make pirate flags, treasure maps and fact files.
5. I have used Science skills to understand how boats float and I have designed and made model ships using a variety of materials.
6. The United Kingdom is an island and is surrounded by bodies of water.
7. Maps are drawings used by sailors to navigate seas and explore new places.
8. Pirates used maps to find treasure.
9. Lighthouses are used to guide ships to the shore and to warn them about dangers.
10. The RNLI is a charity that rescues people in trouble at sea.

Key Vocabulary

1. cargo—the goods that are carried by large type of transport for example ships.
2. coast—the place where the land and the sea meet.
3. explorer—a person who travels to places that no one has been before to see what is there.
4. lifeboat—a specially designed boat used to rescue people at sea.
5. lifeguard—a person who works near the water to help people who get into danger.
6. lighthouse—a tall building close to shore that has a powerful light on the top to warn everyone about rocks and guide the way to the shore.
7. navigator—a person who uses a map to find a place.
8. ocean—a large sea. The five oceans are The Arctic, Atlantic, Indian , Pacific and Southern oceans.
9. Voyage—a journey

Test Yourself

1. What countries form the United Kingdom?
2. Can you draw the Union flag, sometimes called the Union Jack?
3. What is a lighthouse used for?
4. Who was Grace Darling?
5. Can you name famous explorers?
6. How many waterproof materials can you name?
7. Can you design your own experiment for sinking and floating?
8. Can you name the oceans?
9. Can you name 3 facts about pirates?
10. What would you call yourself if you were a pirate?

Texts to read

