# Topic Knowledge Organiser: Year 2

| Spring 1 Topic: |
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| **Explorers** |

**Subjects I will cover in this topic:**

| History | Geography | Art | Design Technology | Music | RE | ICT |
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| Reading | Writing | Maths | SEAL / PSHCE | Science | British Values | PE |

**Some things I will learn during this topic:**

- I will take part in drama activities linked to Explorers. Including, still frames of explorations that have taken place.
- I will create a glossary of words to develop a wide vocabulary.
- I will learn about the lives of famous explorers and compare and contrast Columbus' achievements to Neil Armstrong's journey to the Moon.
- I will read newspaper articles about Neil Armstrong's journey to the moon.
- I will create a fact file about Neil Armstrong, as well as a timeline of events.
- I will study the life and work of Christopher Columbus, including his discovery of St. Lucia.
- I can understand why people go exploring and what their journey looks like compared to a description of it.
- To understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past.
- I will learn about the different methods of explorations.
- I will learn about where people went exploring.
- Link to Science about different animals that have been discovered after exploration. Which animals and plants that are now becoming extinct because of human exploration?
- I will write a letter to the Alien from 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers.
- I will design and create a rocket that works!

**Key figures/places I will learn about:**

| Neil Armstrong | Christopher Columbus |
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**Key facts I need to know:**

- What does it mean to explore somewhere?
- When did exploration begin?
- How did people feel about exploration? How do YOU feel about exploration?
- Who discovered Antarctica?
- Who discovered St Lucia? Where is it?
- Neil Armstrong – Journey to the moon.

**Topic specific vocabulary I will use and learn the meaning of during this topic:**

| map | voyage |
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| compass | exploration |
| navigation | shuttle |
| ocean | polar |
| sea | space |

**What do I want to know? What questions do I have?**

Purpose of work / End product:
**I will have a good understanding of the significant explorations that took place!**
**I will create a rocket that works!**