

Feniscowles Primary School

Striving for Excellence

What does it take to be a great explorer?

Medium Term Plan - Year 2 Autumn Term

Enquiry: What does it take to be a great explorer?

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What pupils will know

- What an explorer does both in the past and in modern times
- The achievements of Ranulph Fiennes and why he is recognised as the world's greatest living explorer
- The accomplishments of Amy Johnson
- Why Amy Johnson's achievements were particularly remarkable given the expectations of women in society at that time
- What Christopher Columbus succeeded in doing during his expeditions
- Why Christopher Columbus was able to accomplish what he did
- Who Neil Armstrong was and what he achieved in 1969
- What the 'space race' was during the 1960s
- The particular challenges that will be faced by explorers to Mars
- The personal qualities that most explorers must have in order to succeed

National Curriculum Coverage

Pupils should be taught about:

- changes within living memory and, where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life
- events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally
- the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.

Historical sources that the pupils will interpret

- Photographs
- Films
- Paintings
- Woodcut prints
- Letters
- Maps

Disciplinary thinking skills the pupils will use to understand what they know

Recognise	Name and point out who or what something is
Identify	Distinguish something or someone from others that
	may be similar
Describe	'Say what you see'. Give an account in words of
	something or someone
Observe	Identify and distinguish with a degree of analysis some
	things that may potentially be more noteworthy or
	important than others
Select	Decide upon and choose that information considered
	most suitable or relevant
Categorise/Classify	Arrange information into particular groups according
	to shared qualities or characteristics
Sequence	Place a set of related events or things that follow each
	other into an order
Compare and contrast	Find similarities and differences
Recall	Remember and recount something learned
Reason/speculate	Thinking and forming ideas about something without
	necessarily firm evidence yet to back it up –
	conjecture, supposition
Summarise	Outline or sum up briefly the main points about
	something
Empathise	Placing yourself in another's position to better
	understand their motives, decisions and actions

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In line with our school policy, we ensure inclusion through constructing enquiries which are graduated in 'bite size' steps allowing for the setting of personalised targets, a broad range of learning and teaching strategies including questioning, working with additional adults where appropriate and a holistic approach to assessing achievement.

Pupils making a good level of progress will:

- **Describe** what an explorer does both in the past and in modern times
- Describe the achievements of Ranulph Fiennes and suggest reasons for why he is recognised as the world's greatest living explorer

End Points of Learning

- Describe the accomplishments of Amy Johnson
- **Suggest reasons** why Amy Johnson's achievements were particularly remarkable given the expectations of women by society at that time
- **Describe** some of the achievements of Christopher Columbus during his expeditions
- Suggest some reasons why Christopher Columbus was able to accomplish so much
- Describe who Neil Armstrong was and what he achieved in 1969
- Recognise and describe some of the particular challenges that will be faced by explorers to Mars in the future
- Compare and contrast explorers from different times in the past and identify some of the personal qualities they have in common

Pupils working at greater depth will also:

- Describe and explain what the 'space race' was during the 1960s
- **Describe and explain** what is meant by the 'Old World' and 'New World'
- **Describe** what an empire is

Prior Learning

In Nursery and Reception pupils:

- Were supported to make sense of their own life story and of past and present
- Examined and talked about images of familiar situations in the past
- Examined artefacts from the past commenting on similarities and differences to modern day equivalents
- Heard and discussed accounts of the past involving people, places and events through storytelling and role play
- Gained first-hand experience through visiting places locally of historic importance
- Were supported to organise events using basic chronology
- Recognised that things happened before they were born
- Compare and contrasted characters from stories including important figures from the past.