

# Explorers

## Overview of unit / topic

In this unit, children explore why some people are considered to be significant before going on to learn about some significant explorers. Children will learn about the first explorers to reach the summit of Mount Everest; Edmund Hilary and Junko Tabei, the first man to land on the moon; Neil Armstrong, and the first women in space; Mae Jemison, and the first explorer who discovered Australia; Captain James Cook. The children will be investigating why they are remembered today, what they achieved and how they are similar to or different from each other.

## Key Questions

- What is an explorer?
- Have they ever explored?
- Do you know any famous explorers?
- What items are essential for explorers?
- Do all explorers need the same equipment?
- Who were the first explorers to reach the summit of Mount Everest?
- Who is was the first man on the moon?
- Who was the first woman in space?
- Who discovered Australia?
- Where would you like to explore if you were an explorer?

## Key Vocabulary

Explorer  
Mount Everest  
Summit  
Space  
Australia  
Edmund Hilary  
Junko Tabei  
Neil Armstrong  
Mae Jemison  
Captain James Cook

## Key Knowledge and Understanding: What will we be learning about in this unit / topic?

- To know what makes a person significant.
- To know the achievements of significant individuals and how they are remembered today.
- To know how the lives of significant people have influenced Britain and the wider world.
- To know Hilary Edmund and Junko Tabei were the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest.
- To know Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon.
- To know James Cook discovered Australia.

**Timeline**

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