



Key Knowledge

Ernest Shackleton was an explorer and a sailor. He is significant because he is considered to be one of the most inspirational explorers and leaders of the 20th Century. He carried out expeditions by ship to Antarctica.

HMS Endurance was the ship Shackleton and his men sailed on from 1914-1917 on their Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition.

Dwayne Fields is the first British black man to visit the North Pole. He has also been on an expedition to the South Pole.

Jackie Ronne was the first woman to be part of an expedition to Antarctica in 1946-48.

Antarctica is the heaviest, driest, coldest and windiest continent.

The closer you get to the Equator the warmer the climate is and the further away you get from the Equator the colder the climate is.

The ocean can be a dangerous place and there are safety procedures in place to help people stay safe at sea.

The world is made up of seven continents. These are: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, and Australia

There are five oceans across the world: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic and Southern.



Big Ideas

The world is made up of seven continents and five oceans.

There are hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and the North and South Poles.

Different continents have different habitats such as deserts, mountains and rainforests.

People travel across the oceans on ships and boats which have evolved over time.

Sources can provide us with information and answers to questions about the past.

Most living things live in habitats which suit them and provide for their basic needs.

Reflective Questions

Ask me this....

Can you name the 7 continents and 5 oceans?

How does the Equator affect the climate?

How has travel across the ocean changed over time?

Who is Ernest Shackleton and why is he significant?

What are the similarities and differences between the three explorers you have learnt about?

Key Vocabulary

Continent	A large solid area of land separated from others by water.
Ocean	A large area of saltwater.
Equator	An imaginary circle around Earth. It divides Earth into two equal parts: the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere.
Climate	A description of the average weather conditions in a certain place for the past 30 or so years.
Expedition	A journey undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose

Supporting Texts

