

Year 2 Spring	History Knowledge Organiser
Topic:	Australia & Captain James Cook
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HISTORICAL CONTEXT (within the whole school narrative)



Key Vocabulary:

continent
 a large solid area of land; the Earth is made up of seven continents

voyage
 to travel somewhere far on a boat/ship

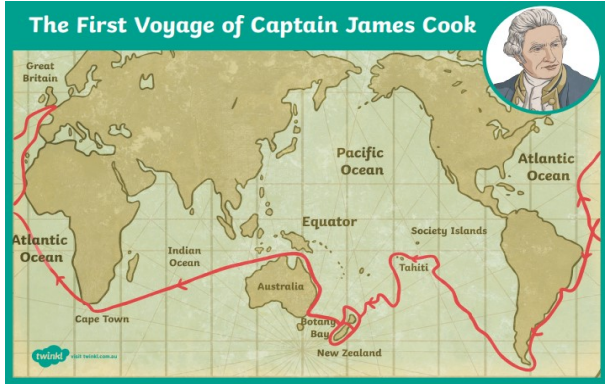
ocean
 a huge body of salt water; oceans cover nearly 71% of the Earth's surface.

Captain
 someone who is in charge of a team

explorer
 someone who travels in search of information

Maps/Diagrams/Artefacts/Key Facts:

Captain James Cook was born on November 7th 1728.
 He was a British naval captain, navigator and explorer.
 Captain Cook sailed around the world twice during his lifetime. He went on three voyages that uncovered lots of important information about the world.
 Cook and his crew-members were the first known Europeans to see Australia in 1770. They landed at Botany Bay and made contact with Indigenous people.



Fascinating Fact!

A goat came along on Captain Cook's first voyage - this goat is believed to be the first recorded instance of an animal that has circumnavigated the world!

Timeline of Events:

In 1755 Cook joined the Royal Navy and learnt to sail ships.

In 1768, Cook was given the job of Captain of the Endeavor.

Cook sailed the Pacific Ocean in 1768.

In 1770, Cook and his crew-members saw Australia for the first time.

Captain Cook died on February 14th 1779.