

Dear Parents,

Our next topic is called 'Explorers.' Please help your children to prepare for this topic by helping them to learn some of the key words (in purple) and the facts on this sheet.

There are some homework activities on the back of this sheet. Your child can complete these at any time. Your child's teacher would love to see what they have created, so please sent any completed homework into school for us to display.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Year 2 teachers

# Explorers

## Year 1 - Geography/History Topic 4



Amelia wrote three books about her flights and lots of articles for newspapers and magazines.

Her first plane was bright yellow. She called it 'The Canary'.



## Amelia Earhart (pilot)



In 1933, she created a clothing line. Some of these were made from parachute silk or from the fabric used for airplane wings.



In 1937, Earhart took off on a flight to become the first person to fly around the Earth's equator, with her navigator (Fred Noonan). They had travelled 22,000 miles when they disappeared.

### Key Topic Vocabulary

**adventurer** - A person who looks for adventures.

**astronaut** - Somebody who travels into space.

**attributes** - Personal qualities a person has.

**equipment** - Objects that are needed for an activity.

**explorer** - A person who travels to new and sometimes dangerous places to find out something new.

**impact** - Having a strong effect on something.

**important** - Having a great influence or meaning.

**journey** - Travel from one place to another.

**sailor** - A person who sails on boats or ships.

**significant** - Important.

**transport** - A vehicle used to move people or goods.



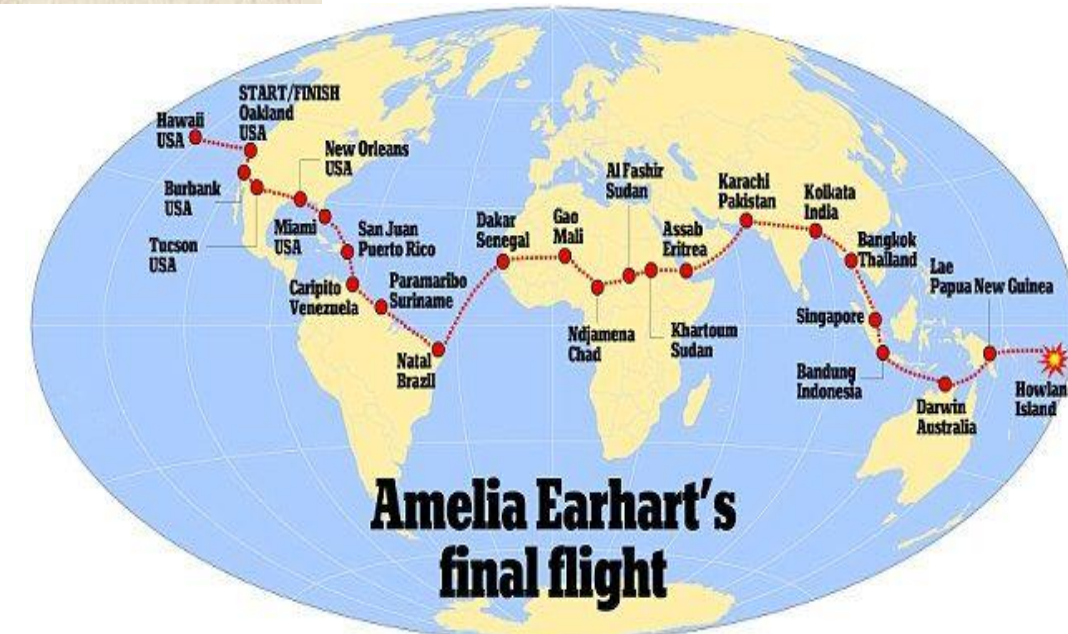
Nationality - American



Born - 24<sup>th</sup> July 1897

Declared missing - 18<sup>th</sup> July 1937

Famous for - Being the first woman to fly solo (on her own) across the Atlantic Ocean.







**Christopher Columbus**  
(sailor)

Nationality - Italian



Born - 31<sup>st</sup> October 1451

Died - 20<sup>th</sup> May 1506

Famous for - Sailing from Europe to America in 1492 (without knowing that America was there). Columbus did not discover America though, the Vikings had already landed there 500 years before Columbus.



**Saturn V**



**Neil Armstrong**  
(astronaut)

Nationality - American



Born - 5<sup>th</sup> August 1930

Died - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Famous for - Being the first person to step foot onto the moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission. The journey took just over 3 days. Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin and Michael Collins were two other **astronauts** on this mission.

Nationality - Moroccan



Born - 24 February 1304

Died - Sometime in 1369

Famous for - **Journeying** to the Middle East, North Africa, India and China over 700 years ago. He travelled over 72,000 miles before planes were invented!

**Ibn Battuta**  
(explorer)



Homework Ideas

- (1) Make a model of space rocket.



- (2) Draw a portrait of a famous explorer.



- (3) Make a model of a space helmet.



- (4) Make an explorer tent in your house or garden. Imagine you're an explorer. What insects can you find?