

1. Find out who Captain Cook was (a famous explorer from the past!). Use the Twinkl powerpoint to learn out more about this significant person.

ACTIVITY 1: Step into Captain Cook's shoes and plan what you will need for the journey as you set sail to discover new lands. Write your list and explain why that thing would be useful.

TIP: Think about survival needs, food you would pack for a journey a long time ago. What would it have been like exploring the seas in the 1700s?

3. Think about the feelings and health of the crew.

What the weather would be like, what views there would be and what jobs would need doing e.g. cleaning, drawing maps, how do you relax?

ACTIVITY 3: Write diary entry from the viewpoint of Captain Cook, what was it like on The Endeavour.

TIP: Ask children to focus on their senses.

2. Remind the children that they are learning about Captain Cook. Show them a kangaroo, kiwi and sea turtle and see if they can guess which countries they think he may have discovered. Go on to explain that he was a great explorer who discovered Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti which became part of the British Empire.

ACTIVITY 2: Using a world map, label UK, Australia and NZ.

TIP: Year 2 children should be able to name all the seas and oceans.

4. Using google images, look at a world map. Show your child the equator. What is the weather like near/far away from the equator? How would you describe Keyworth and Nottingham? Think about the human (man-made) and physical (natural) features such as the church, shops, schools and the natural pond, fields etc. What is it like in Australia? How is it similar and how is it different? Zoom in on Australia on the map and discuss the oceans and the climate as well as other physical and natural features.

ACTIVITY 4: Create your own map of Australia. Show some human and physical features using a key.

Captain Cook

