# Core Knowledge

- The Age of Exploration began in 1492, when Christopher Columbus sailed from Europe to the Americas.
- Explorers were often in search of items that would bring them fortune. For example, spices, which were rare and expensive.
- During the 'Age of Exploration' primogeniture meant that first born sons gained their family inheritance. This would often lead second born sons to other ventures to seek their own fortune, such as becoming an explorer.
- There are 7 continents, consisting of: Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctic, Australia.

# The Age of Exploration



# Domain Themes

- Explorers
- Christopher Columbus
- The lure of spices
- Second Sons
- The 7 Continents
- The 5 Oceans
- Toscanini's map
- Navigation of Explorers
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# Core Knowledge

- There are 5 Oceans: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern, Arctic.
- The Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean in the world and is divided into the North Pacific Ocean and the South Pacific Ocean.
- Paolo Toscanelli was an astronomer and mapmaker. In 1447, he created a map of the world which would be used by Christopher Columbus in his attempt to reach the Indies.
- Early Explorers used compasses amongst other navigation tools. A compass works by a small magnet moving the pin to point North. This magnet is attracted to the gravitational pull of the North Pole.

# Home Learning

- Use the geocaching website www.geocaching.com/play to discover local geocaches, there are 2,601 hidden around Bridgend.
- Visit the local library and find out about daily life aboard a sailing ship.
- Follow the recipe on www.breaddad.com/hardtack-recipe/ to create hardtack, a bread/biscuit food that has an extremely long shelf life.
- Create a map of your journey to school, including key landmarks and compass points.

# Key Vocabulary

- Explore
- Exploring
- Europe
- Conquer
- Exploration
- Conquistadors
- European
- Henry Hudson
- Christopher Columbus
- John Cabot
- Precious
- Scarce
- Expensive
- Grind
- Hull flavour
- Imported
- overwhelm