Key Learning

Year: 2 **Term: Spring 1**

Questions: Who was Captain Cook?

Curriculum Area: History

Background information including prior knowledge):

Children have knowledge of significant individuals and events from their previous work in Year 1 and 2

Children will be able to locate the UK on a world Map

Key Content:

Captain James Cook was an English explorer who was born in Marton, North Yorkshire in 1728. He joined the Royal Navy in 1755 where he learnt to sail and charter the seas. He was appointed commander of HMS Endeavour and sent on an expedition to observe the planet Venus pass in front of the sun and to find the 'Great Southern Continent'. In 1770 Captain Cook claimed Australia for Great Britain and called it 'New South Wales. He mapped the east coast of Australia which paved the way for British settlement 18 years later. He was killed in Hawaii during an argument with a native tribe. His body was buried at sea.

Key Questions

Who was Captain Cook?

What was he famous for?

How did Captain Cook travel?

What are the key events in Captain Cook's life?

What were the events of 1770?

What was the impact of Captain Cook's travels?

Key Vocabulary

Captain	The commanding officer of a ship
Endeavour	To attempt something / The name of Captain Cook's Ship
Explorer	A person who travels in search of geographical or scientific information
Navigator	An officer on a ship or aircraft responsible for directing where it goes
Claimed	To claim something is to believe you own it
Australia	A country in the South of the World
Pacific Islands	Islands in the Pacific Ocean to the East of Australia
Discovered	To be found before anyone else sees it
Voyage	A long trip taken by boat
Wreckage	The parts that are left after something has been destroyed
Tribes	A group of people belonging to a family or group