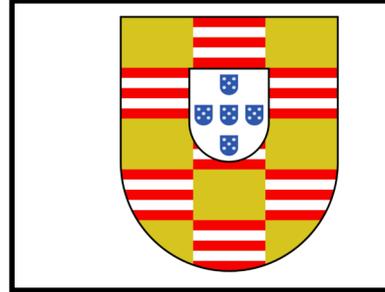# History

What should I already know?

- To be aware of past and present events in our own life.
- Have an understanding that events happened and people lived centuries ago.
- To know that people in history can influence lives and civilisation today.
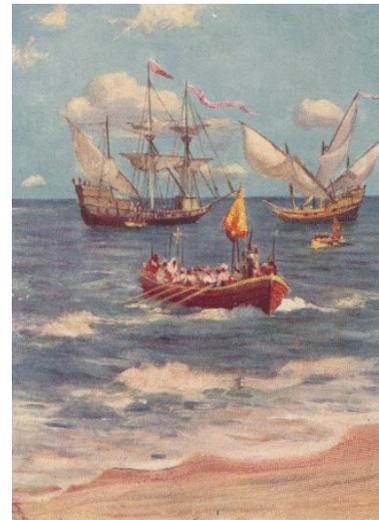- Y2's will know about Christopher Columbus as an explorer.

Key Question: Christopher Columbus: Hero or Villain?

Key learning

Who is Vasco da Gama?
Vasco da Gama was a Portuguese explorer and navigator He was born in 1460 into a noble family. Little is known of his early life. Da Gama was born in Sines, Portugal. His birthday was June 5th. 1460. According to some people's accounts, he was a knight in the 1490s . He was appointed the position of leading voyages to secure an ocean route to the East, in the hope that spices from Africa and Asia could be brought back to Europe to sell. Vasco da Gama opened up a new world of riches by opening up an Indian Ocean route. That route is still used today.

What is Vasco da Gama famous for?
Vasco da Gama was the first European to find an ocean trading route to India. He accomplished what many explorers could not do. This discovery of the sea route helped the Portuguese establish a long lasting colonial empire in Asia and Africa. Spices from these places were sold for big sums of money in Europe, so this boosted the Portuguese economy. His voyages and explorations helped change the world for Europeans.

Vocabulary

travel	To go from one place to another.
explorer	A person who explores a new or unfamiliar area.
civilisation	The society, culture, and way of
admiral	The most senior commander of a fleet or navy.
Tanzania	The largest country on the east coast of Africa.
economy	The way a country spends and makes money.
trade/ trading	The action of buying and selling goods.
nobility	The group of people belonging to the highest class in society.
voyage	Long journey by sea.
colonisation	Settling among and establishing control over the indigenous people of an area.

Timeline of Vasco da Gama

1460 Vasco da Gama was born	1490 It was thought that Vasco da Gama was given a knighthood.	1497 Vasco da Gama set sail from Portugal	1498 Vasco da Gama reached Tanzania then sailed onto the Indian Coast	1502 Vasco da Gama received the title of admiral. This was also the year of his second voyage	1506 Portuguese take control of the coast of Tanzania	1524 Vasco da Gama dies on Christmas Eve