

# Marco Polo

1254-1324

A Venetian merchant traveller whose travels to Central Asia and China are written about in Livres des merveilles du monde.



# John Cabot

c. 1450-c. 1500

John Cabot was an Italian explorer discovered of parts of North America. He is thought to be the first European to do so since the Vikings.



# Bartolomeu Dias

1450-1500

A Portuguese royal noble who was the first European to sail around the south-tip of Africa to reach the Indian Ocean.



# Christopher Columbus

1451-1506

An Italian navigator who completed several voyages across the Atlantic Ocean to the Americas.



# Vasco De Gama

c. 1460s-1524

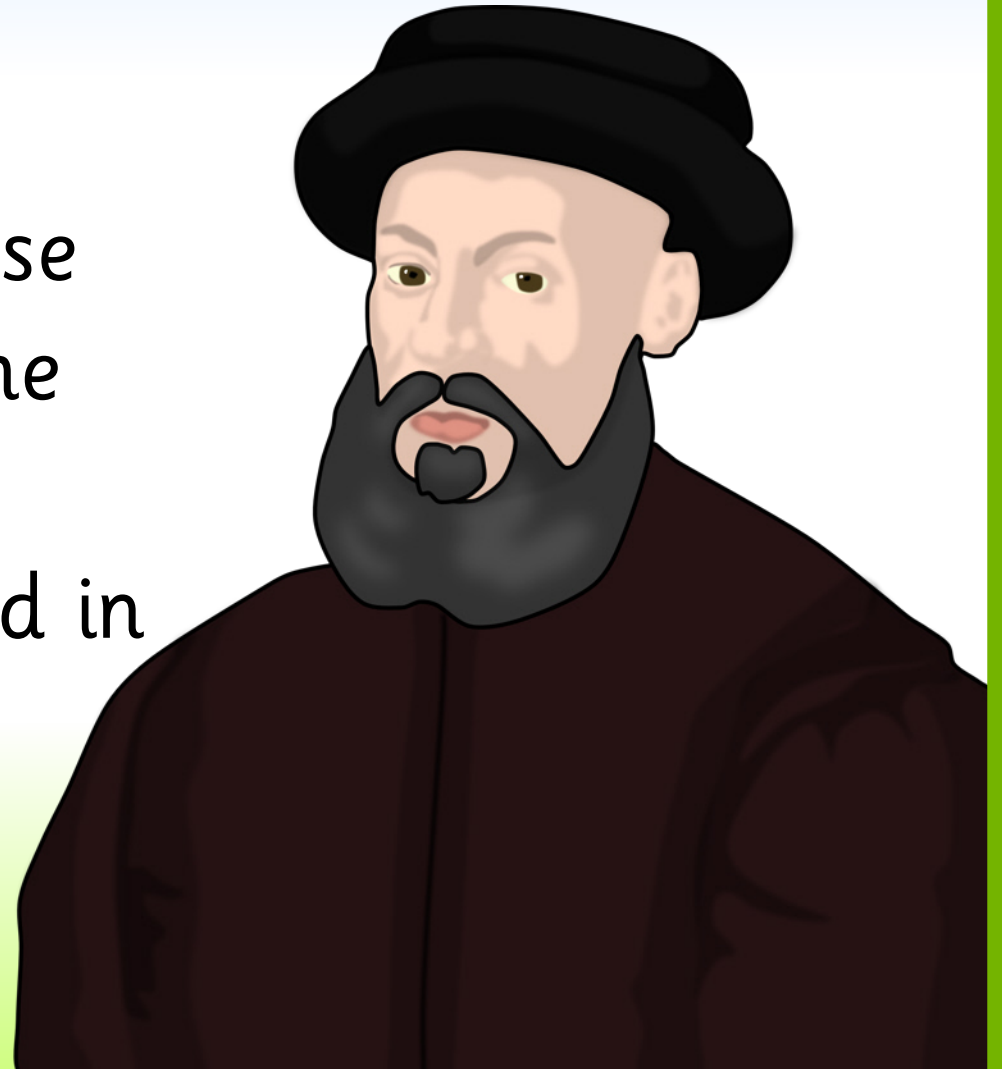
A Portuguese explorer who was the first European to reach India by sea.



# Ferdinand Magellan

1480-1521

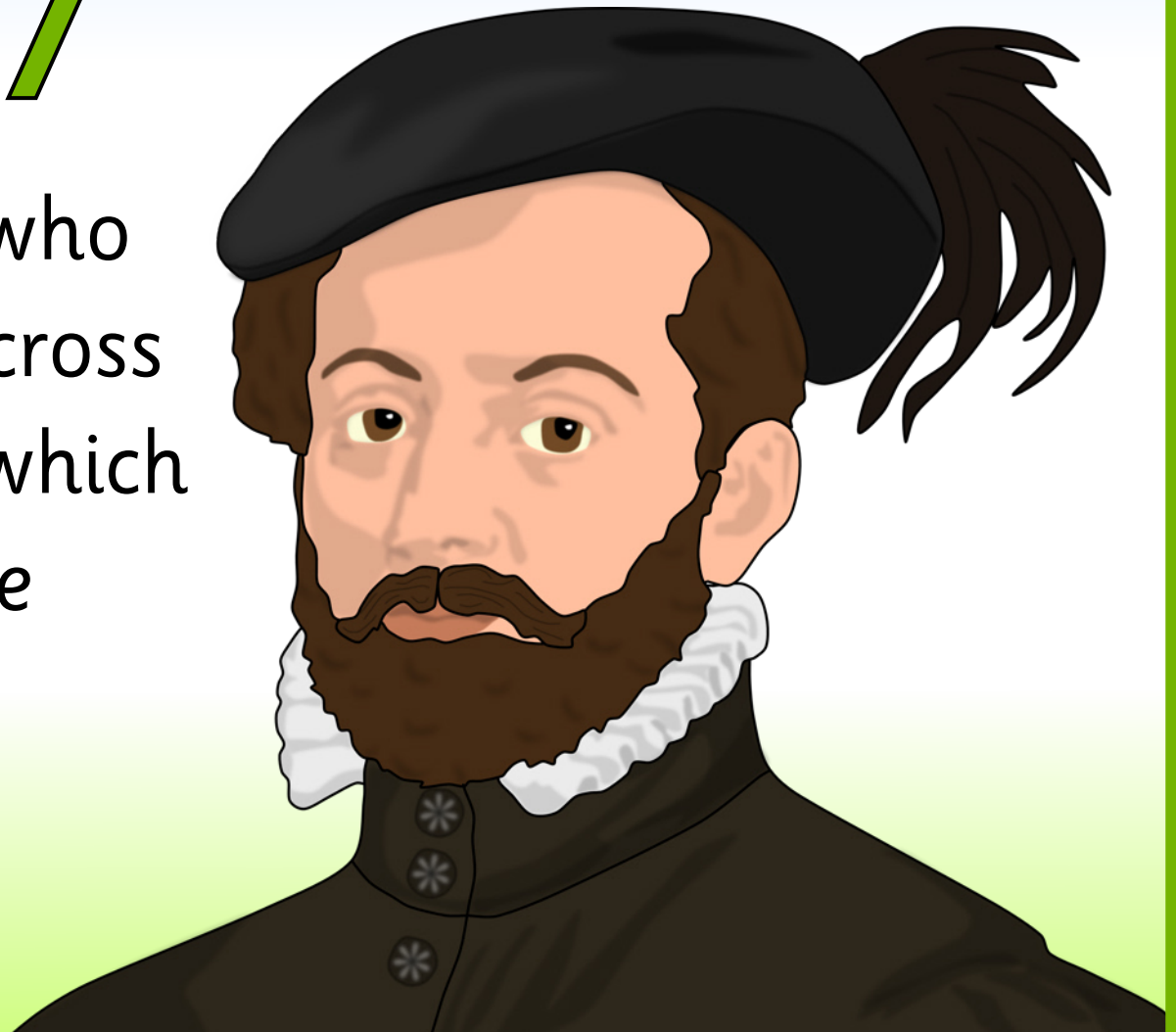
Magellan was a Portuguese explorer who organised the Spanish expedition to the West Indies which resulted in the first circumnavigation of the Earth.



# Hernán Cortés

1485-1547

A Spanish explorer who led the expedition across the Atlantic Ocean which caused the fall of the Aztec Empire.



# Sir Francis Drake

c. 1540-1596

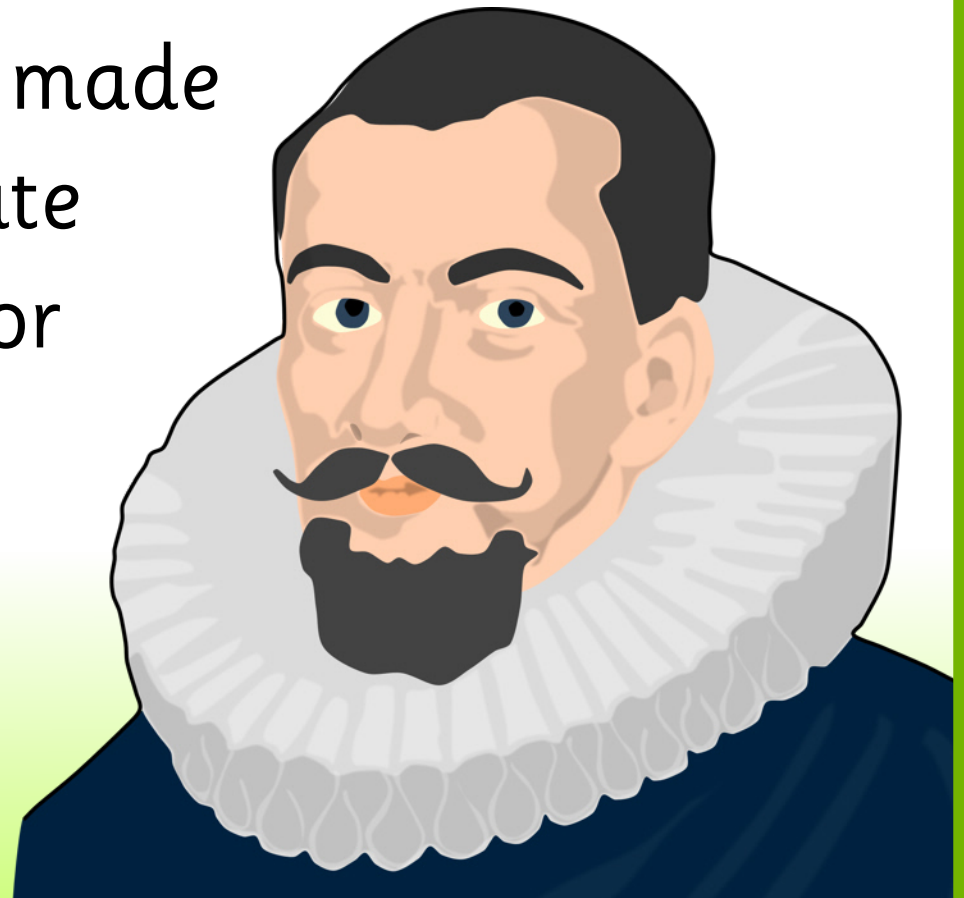
A British sea captain who carried out the second circumnavigation of the world in one voyage.



# Henry Hudson

1560s/1570s-1611

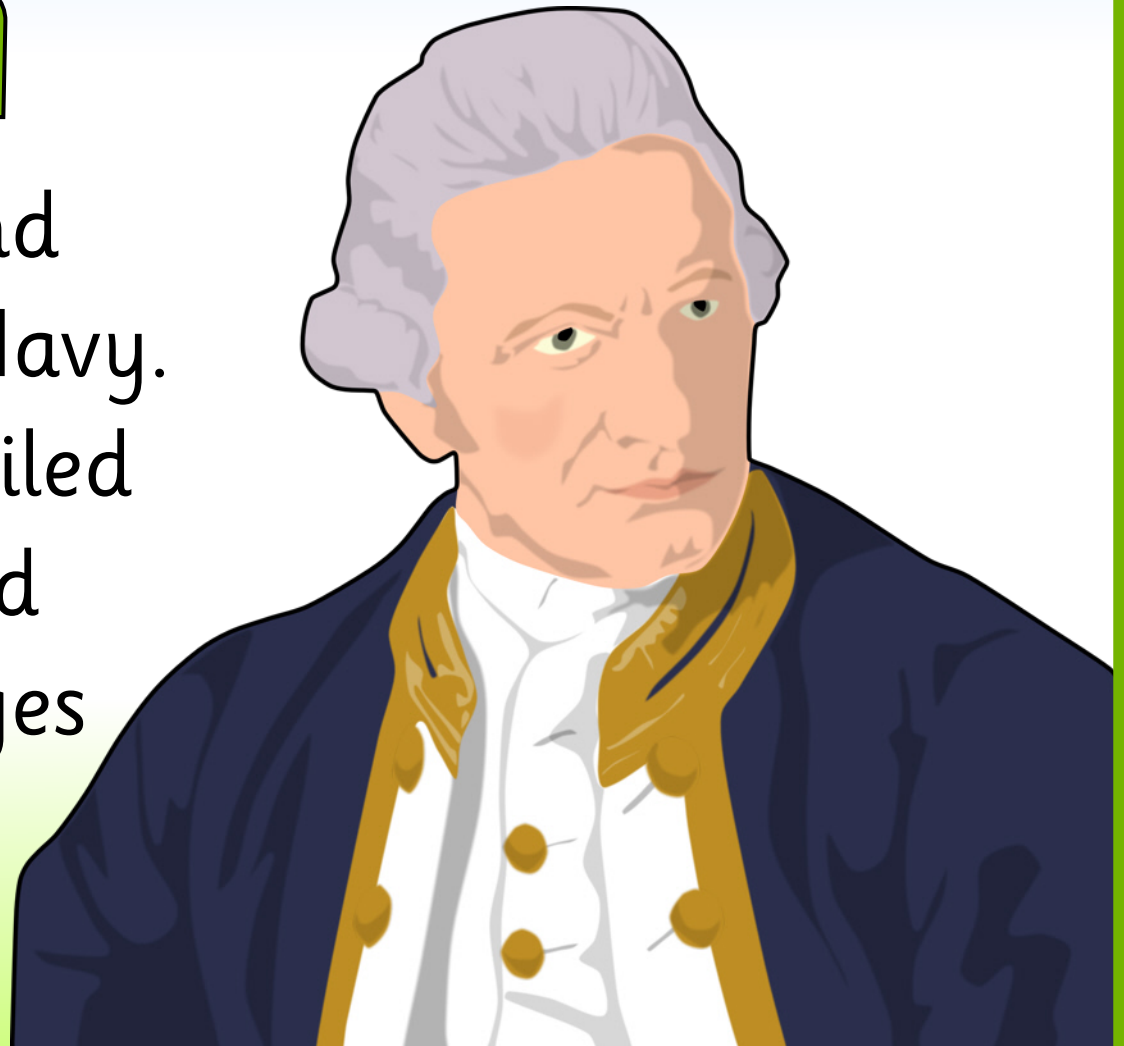
An English navigator who made two attempts to find a route through the Arctic Circle for English merchants.



# James Cook

1728-1779

A British navigator and captain in the Royal Navy. he made the first detailed maps of Newfoundland and made three voyages to the Pacific Ocean.



# John Smith

c. 1580-1631

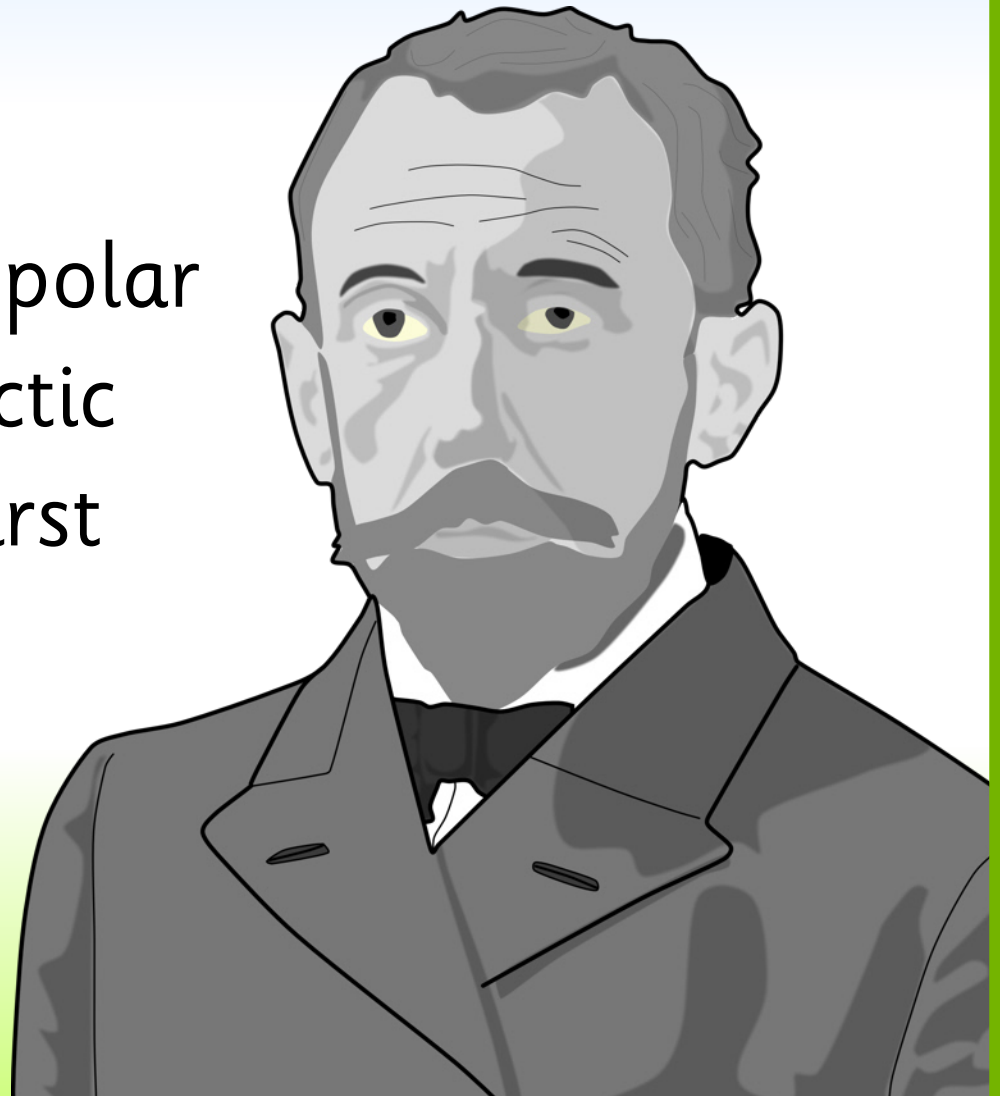
An English soldier who played an important part in the establishment of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America.



# Roald Amundsen

1872-1928

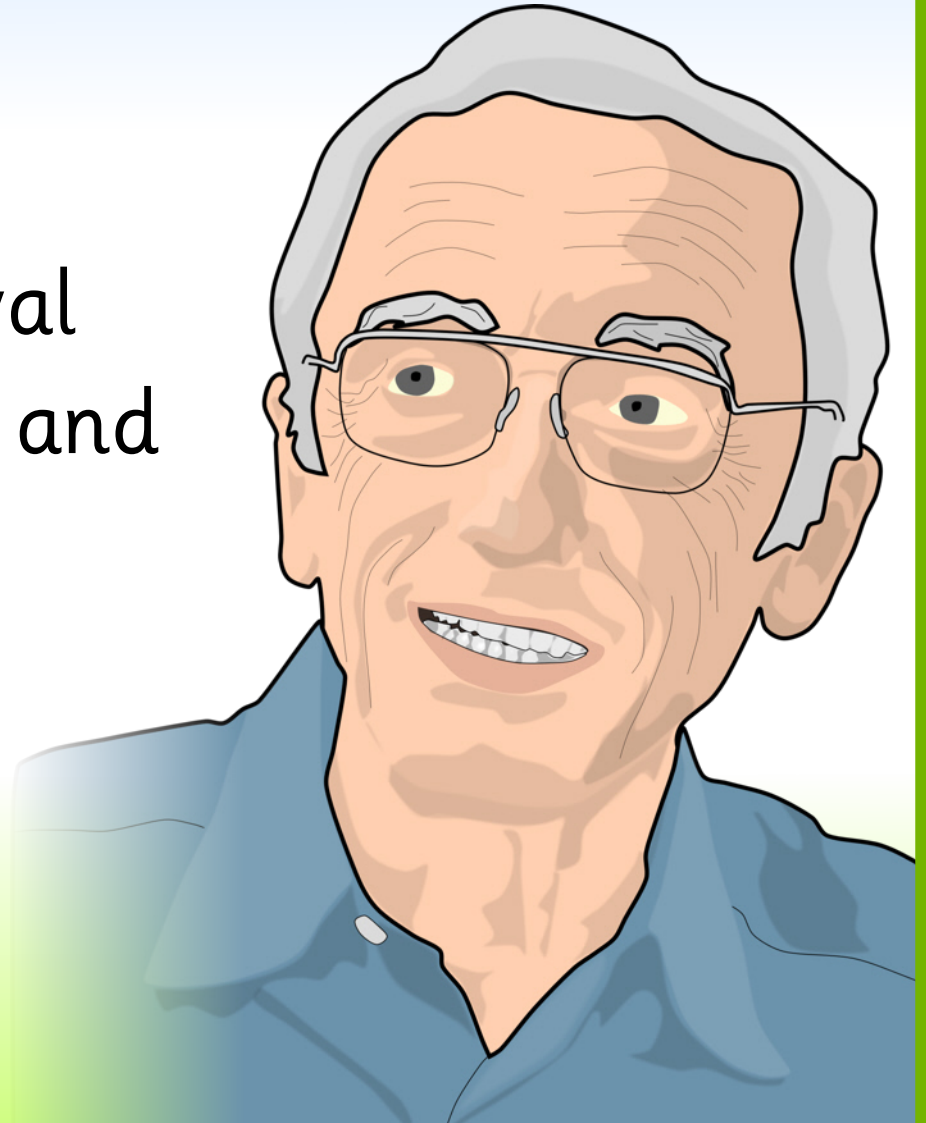
A Norwegian explorer of polar regions. He led the Antarctic expedition that was the first to reach the South Pole.



# Jacques Cousteau

1910-1997

Cousteau was a French naval officer who studied the sea and all forms of sea life.



# Edmund Hillary

## 1919-2008

A New Zealand mountaineer who became the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest with sherpa Tenzing Norgay.



# Neil Armstrong

## 1930-2012

An American astronaut who was the first person to walk on the Moon.



# Yuri Gagarin

1934-1968

Gagarin was a Russian Soviet pilot and cosmonaut. He was the first human to journey into outer space.



# Reinhold Messner

1944-still alive

A mountaineer from Italy who made the first ascent of Mount Everest without extra oxygen along with Peter Habeler.



# Sir Ralph Fiennes

## 1962-still alive

An English adventurer who was the first person to visit both the North and South Poles by surface means and the first to completely cross Antarctica on foot.

