Geography – Expeditions and Explorations Year 1 Autumn

Prior Knowledge

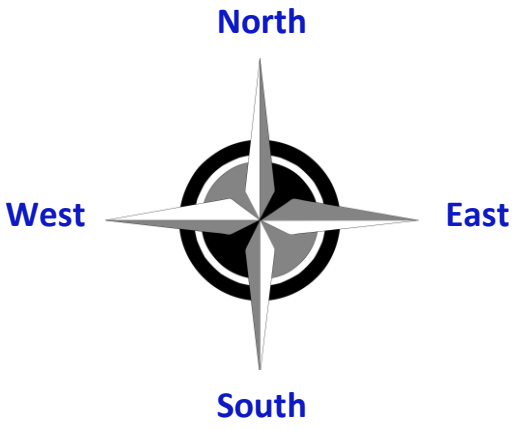
This topic builds on work we did in reception. In reception, we made simple maps, explored our local environment and described it using some geographical words. In this year 1 topic we will learn more about where we live (our city, country and continent) and also about other places and how they are different to where we are. We will learn about how climate and weather affect us and people animals in different places. We will learn about James Cook who was an explorer.

What? (Key Vocabulary)

expedition	A journey made by a group of people
explorer	A person who goes to new places to gain knowledge
voyage	A long journey involving travel by sea or in space
map	A flattened globe
globe	A sphere-shaped representation of the world
compass	A tool for finding direction
village	A small community which is smaller than a town
town	A community which is larger than a village
coast	The area where the sea and land meet
island	An area of land surrounded by water
city	A place where many people live closely together
country	Land that is led by one government
continent	A large area of land with many countries in it
climate	The usual weather of a place which can change slowly
weather	How the air feels at a certain time and can change quickly

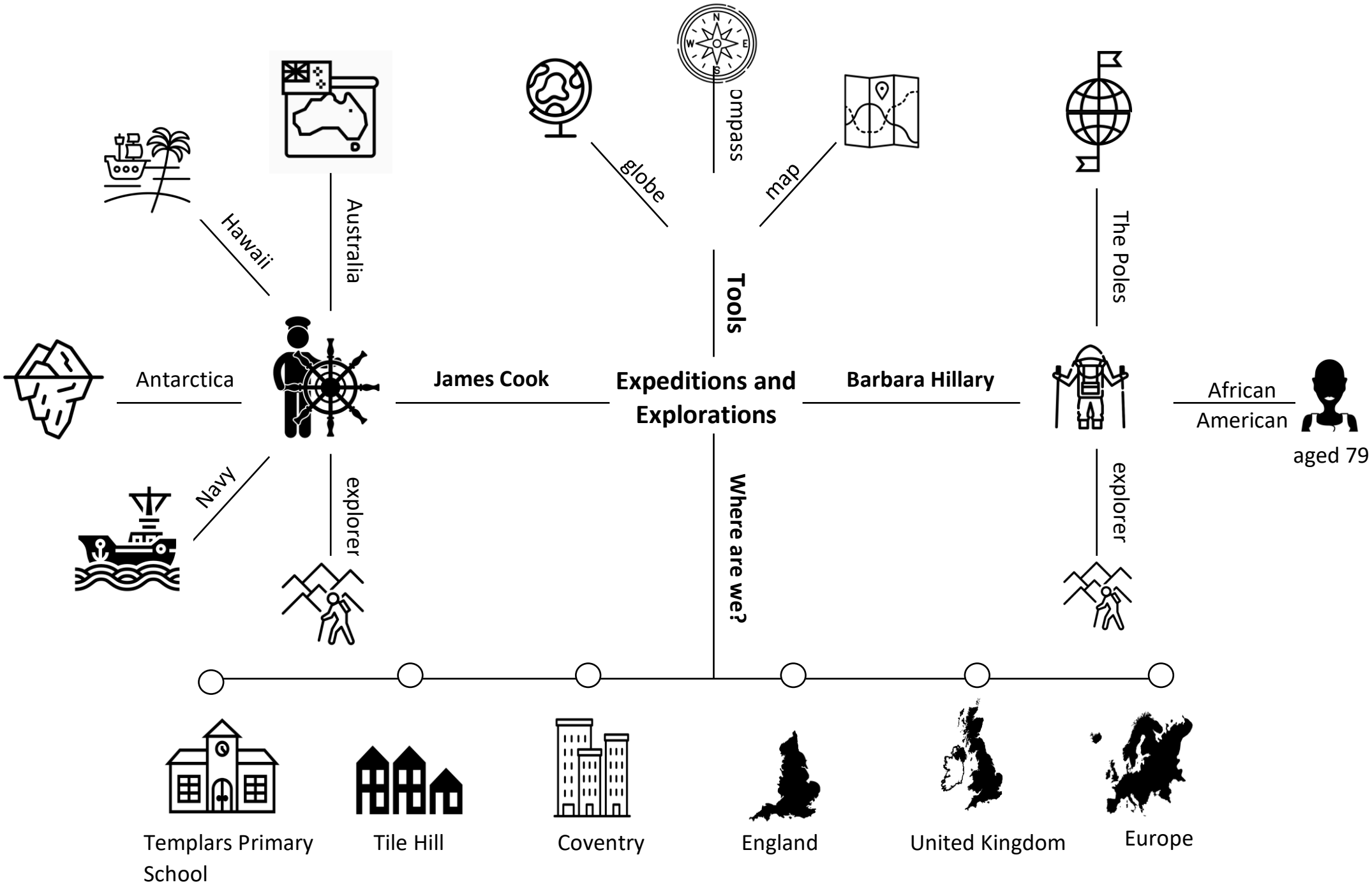
Who? (Significant people)

James Cook	An explorer who made three main expeditions – to Antarctica, Australia and Hawaii His expedition to Antarctica failed
Barbara Hillary	First African American woman and oldest person to reach both the North and South Pole, aged 79! She proves that outdoor adventure is for everyone regardless of race, age, gender or mobility.



Where? (Significant places)

Marton-in-Clevland	A village in Yorkshire
Australia	The smallest of the seven continents
Hawaii	An island on the continent of North America
Polar regions	The two places (Arctic and Antarctica) in the world which are most north and south
Arctic	The place most north in the world which is not a continent or country
Antarctica	The place which is most south in the world and is a continent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