



# Knowledge Organiser

Year 2  
Term 4

## Key Facts



For centuries, pirates have sailed across the seas and oceans of the world. Groups of pirates would terrorise certain areas by stealing and showing no mercy. They were bold adventurers who would return home with treasures.



A few hundred years ago, an Englishman called Edward Teach, otherwise known as Blackbeard, was the most feared pirate of the Caribbean. He used to twist his huge black beard around his ears to frighten his victims!



Pirates used to sail ships around the world looking for treasure! Ships have always flown flags, but the skull and crossbones of the Jolly Roger meant only one thing – pirates! Many pirate captains had their own pirate flag.



Ships were made mainly of wood until the middle of the 1800s. At that time, iron ships began to replace wooden ones. Steam-powered engines also began to replace sails. Today, most ships are usually made of steel.



A continent is a massive area of land separated from others by water or other natural features. There are seven continents on Earth: Asia, Africa, North American, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia.

## Key Vocabulary

**absorbent**

An absorbent material soaks water up easily. It is the opposite of waterproof.

**atlas**

A collection of maps, typically a bundle of maps of Earth or a region of Earth.

**cannon**

A large, heavy gun found on pirate ships that is typically mounted on wheels.

**continent**

A large landmass on Earth. There are seven continents.

**crow's nest**

A shelter or platform fixed at the masthead of a ship as a place for a lookout to stand.

**deck**

The floor of a ship, especially the upper level extending the full length of the ship.

**hull**

The main body of a ship, including the bottom, sides, and deck.

**mast**

A tall, upright post on a ship or boat that generally carries a sail or sails.

**rigging**

The system of ropes or chains used to support a ship's masts.

**sails**

A piece of material extended on a mast to catch the wind and propel a boat or ship.

**waterproof**

If something is waterproof, it keeps water out and it keeps things dry.