

History Week 3	Who was Christopher Columbus?		
Starter	Watch the clip about the life and exploration of Christopher Columbus https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhpchbk/articles/znchkmn		
Parent	Christopher Columbus was an Italian explorer whose real name was Cristoforo Colombo. He was born in 1451 so it is worth placing him on the timeline that we asked the children to create in week 1. He lived after Ibn Battuta. Although he wanted to explore Asia he actually set off in the opposite direction and ended up landing in the Americas, except he didn't actually discover this continent as the Vikings had already been there (though he was obviously unaware of that). There are some controversial issues that are raised about how he stole gold from the Americas and treated the locals badly which you may like to discuss in greater detail with your children and is part of the three star activity where they are encouraged to put forward their opinion.		
Activities	*Internet based game	** Plain paper or extraordinary home learning books	***Personal research
	Sequence the events that occurred in the correct order to check understanding of the information on the BBC clip. The sequencing game is found on the same page but below the clip https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhpchbk/articles/znchkmn	Watch the power point on the website which gives further detail about the life and journeys of Christopher Columbus. Fill in the blanks on the activity sheet. The answer sheet is also provided on the website.	Using facts from the BBC clip, the power point on the website and also https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThZj9TEMwgE&feature=emb_rel_pause create a fact file using last week's writing frames if they wish. Don't forget to mention the foods that he brought back from America and consider the big question - do you think he was a good person?