



Kingfishers Spring Term 1 & 2 Knowledge Organizer: Tudor Exploration



Timeline of Events	
1485	Tudor family begins to rule over England and Wales.
1492	Christopher Columbus reaches America
1494	Treaty of Tordesillas divides up the world between Spanish and Portuguese.
1497 - 1498	John Cabot's voyages to North America.
1519	Spanish begin to build a huge empire in America.
1519-1522	Ferdinand Magellan captains first expedition to sail around the world, but dies before the voyage is complete.
1529 - 1539	England stops being a Roman Catholic country.
1555	Richard Chancellor's voyage to Russia.
1557 & 1561	Anthony Jenkinson's journeys into central Asia.
1576-1578	Martin Frobisher's three voyages to find a north-west passage.
1577-1580	Francis Drake becomes first English sea captain to sail around the world.
1585 - 1590	Walter Rayleigh attempts to start an English colony at Roanoke.
1588	English navy beats invading Spanish fleet (or Armada).
1595	Walter Rayleigh attempts to find El Dorado in South America.
1603	End of Tudor period.

Tudor Monarchs	
Henry VII:	1485 - 1509
Henry VIII:	1509- 1547
Edward IV:	1547 - 1553
Lady Jane Grey:	Ruled for 9 in 1553
Mary I:	1553 - 1558
Elizabeth I:	1558 - 1603



Famous People	
Henry VII	First Tudor monarch after winning at The Battle of Bosworth.
King Henry VIII	Famous for having six wives. Brought England away from the Catholic church and set up the Church of England.
Queen Elizabeth I	Turned the country Protestant again.
William Shakespeare	Famous playwright.
Christopher Columbus	An Italian explorer and navigator. He sailed across the Atlantic Ocean hoping to find a new route to India.
John Cabot	An explorer and navigator, who voyaged to North America, where he claimed land in Canada for England.
Ferdinand Magellan	Led the first expedition to successfully circumnavigate the globe.
Francis Drake	First English sea captain to sail around the world.
Walter Rayleigh	Led expeditions to Roanoke in America.

Key Vocabulary
Armada: Spanish fleet sent to invade England in 1588.
Cartographer: a mapmaker.
Colonies: land conquered, ruled over or settles by another country.
Courtier: person attending the king or queen at court.
Circumnavigate: to sail around the world.
East Indies: India and other lands in the Far East like modern Indonesia.
El Dorado: mythical city of gold in America.
Fleet: group of ships usually under one person's command.
Galleon: sailing warship built from the mid-1500s.
Merchant: a trader buying and selling overseas, by sending out ships or expeditions.
Navigation: finding and maintaining a ship's correct course or direction at sea.
New World: European name for North and South America.
Passage: a route or seaway, usually to a specific location.
Spices: plants such as pepper, cinnamon, ginger - used to flavour foods.
Strait: narrow channel of water, between two points of land.
Tobacco: plant of which dried leaves were smoked in pipes by American Indians. Pipe-smoking became popular in Europe.