History - Y1 Spring

## Explorers



| Key vocabulary to remember and use in your learning |  |
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| expedition A group of people traveling for exploration or adventure. <br> HMS HMS stands for Her Majesty's Ship. <br> trek A long, hard journey often made on foot. <br> blizzard A severe snowstorm with high winds. |  |



This is Captain Robert Falcon Scott. He was born on 6th June 1868 and died on 29th March 1912 when he was 43 years old.

Both of his parents were involved with sea-faring and so Robert Scott first went to sea when he was only 13 years old. He then progressed through the ranks of the Navy very quickly and is celebrated now as a national hero.
He is widely known as 'Scott of the Antarctic'.

- In 1901, Robert Falcon Scott was made leader of the National Antarctic Expedition, on HMS Discovery. This reached further south than any other expedition had before.
- To travel across the Antarctic, they took dogs, ponies and motorised sledges. The sledges broke and the dogs and ponies had to be sent back, meaning they trekked to the South Pole.
- Robert Scott thought he discovered the South Pole in 1912, but was beaten to it by the Norwegians.
- $\quad$ Scott and his party were trapped in their tent by a blizzard for nine days and died of starvation, only 11 miles away from their base camp.


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[^0]:    This is a map of Antarctica. The South Pole is marked on the map with an ' $X$ '. Antarctica is located at the bottom of the globe and is the coldest and driest continent on Earth. It is nearly entirely covered in ice! Robert Scott found some very special fossils that showed trees and plants used to cover the land a long, long time ago.

