

Knowledge Organiser - Year 1 - Sir John Barrow

What I should already know?

That the Sir John Barrow Monument is a town landmark.

Knowledge

Sir John Barrow was born in 1764.

When he was little he lived in a little cottage at Dragley Beck which you can still see now.

When he was 13 he started a school for poor children.

He went to Greenland on a whaling ship when he was 16.

When he was 28 he went to live in china, whilst there he learnt the language and wrote books about what he discovered there with lovely pictures.

When he was 33 he moved to South Africa to help start the town of Cape Town which was just being built.

Later he worked for the admiralty and the Prime minister. He also became friends with the king. When he worked there he sent explorers to search the Arctic to see if there were quick ways for ships to get through the ice.

Sir John Barrow died in 1845 when he was 84.

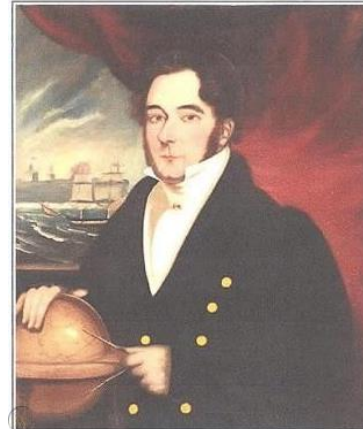
In 1850 people built the Sir John Barrow Monument to remember him.

What I will know by the end of this unit?

The life of a significant person from the local area.

How a person has changed the nation and local area.

Sir John Barrow



Sir John Barrow Monument on Hoad Hill



Books and art about China and South Africa



Sir John Barrow Cottage

Vocabulary

monument	Something that is built to remember a special person.
expedition	A long journey to learn things about the world or a place.
author	Someone who writes a story, poem or other written work.
colony	A group of people who move to a new place and start a new life there.
explorer	A person that explores a place that know one knows about.