

Knowledge Organiser

Year 6

Subject: History Main Learning: Significance – Creation of the British Empire

Key knowledge	
Know about the creation of the British Empire	Date of learning
Know what is meant by the British Empire	
Know how important the voyages of discovery were in making Britain great	
Know how far the British Empire extended	
Know how Britain made an impact on the world	
Know why we no longer have a British Empire	

Vocabulary	
empire	An extensive group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch
mother country	The UK was often referred to as 'the mother country' by members of the British Empire
commonwealth	An international association consisting of the UK together with states that were previously part of the British Empire, and dependencies
colony	A country or area under the full or partial political control of another country and occupied by settlers from that country
slavery	Often associated with the early formation of the British Empire
empire on which the sun never sets	At one time the British empire expanded across the world so that there was always somewhere where the sun shone (in other words was not night time)



	<p>Prior Knowledge –</p>
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