Ernest Shackleton

Who Was Ernest Shackleton?

Ernest Shackleton was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1874. He died in 1922.

How did he start?

When he was a boy, Ernest liked to read and he decided to be an explorer. He left home aged 16 to become a sailor.

Where did he travel?

Ernest Shackleton went to Antarctica three times.   He travelled by ship to Antarctica and then walked or used sleds pulled by dogs to get across the ice and land.

What happened to him?

When Ernest got to Antarctica in 1915, his ship sank and he and some men took a tiny lifeboat over the sea for over 1000km to get someone to rescue them.

Reading task – can you answer these questions?

1) When did Ernest Shackleton live?
2) Where did Shackleton go on his travels? Can you find these places on a map or globe?
3) Why did people think Ernest Shackleton was a hero?
4) Can you draw a picture of something Ernest Shackleton did or saw?

Challenge Task

Ernest Shackleton has asked you to join his crew to go to Antarctica. Write a list of all the things you need to pack.