





# Geography at Polehampton

At Polehampton, we would like our Geography learners to:

- Be inspired and have a fascination about the world and its people.
- Engage with surroundings and actively explore them.
- To understand that the earth is the home of humankind.
- To understand our place in the world (home, town, country, continent, planet).
- To understand their roles and responsibilities in creating a sustainable future
- Invest in their environment.
- Address misconceptions that many children hold about the world around them.
- To have a deep understanding of the Earth's key and physical processes.
- To understand the relationship between human and physical environments. To have a growing bank of geographical vocabulary.
- To interpret a range of sources including maps, diagrams
- Develop fieldwork and other geographical skills and techniques.





## In our lessons, we enjoy focussing on:

**Investigating places** – Understanding the geographical location of places and their key features.

**Investigating physical and human geography** – Understanding the relationships between the physical features of places and the human activity within them, and the appreciation of how the world's natural resources are used.

**Communicating Geographically** – Understanding geographical representations, vocabulary and techniques.

**Sustainability** - Understanding that nature and the environment are not an inexhaustible resource and so, it is necessary to protect them and use them rationally showing consideration for future generations.

# Michael Palin

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***"Geography is the subject which holds the key to our future"***



# Who is Michael Palin?

Michael Palin was a British actor and comedian, as well as a television presenter and writer. He was one of the members of the comedy group 'Monty Python' which is a series that some of your parents might have enjoyed. Michael Palin also has a huge passion for travel.



# Early life

Michael Palin was born in Sheffield in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England. He started his education at Birkdale Preparatory School, Sheffield, and later attended Shrewsbury School, and graduated from Brasenose College, Oxford with a degree in History.





## Passion for Travel



Michael Palin has a huge passion for travelling.

In 1980, he enjoyed taking part in the BBC Television series 'Great Railway Journeys of the World'. This involved travelling across the UK by train, from London to Kyle of Lochalsh (Scotland), via Manchester, York, Newcastle upon Tyne, Edinburgh and Inverness. This must have been an exciting journey for him.

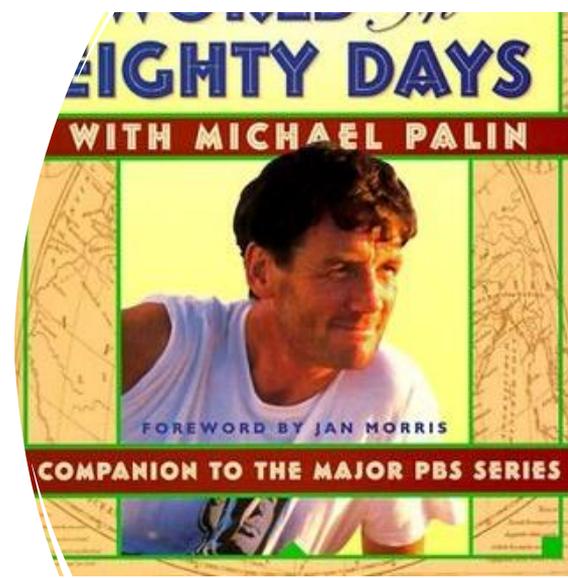


# Passion for travel continued...

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In 1989, he was asked to present the first of BBC's travel series '**Around the World in 80 Days**'

When he was asked, he said he would think about it and let the producers know in a few days as he felt it might be a challenge. He had a think and called them back much sooner with a YES! It was a great success and was followed by seven other shows in the series. On the next slide, learn a little bit more about where the idea for 'Around the World in 80 Days' came from.



## Around the World in 80 Days

The BBC TV series that Michael was asked to do was inspired by the famous Jules Verne story which involved traveling the world in 80 days without using an aircraft.

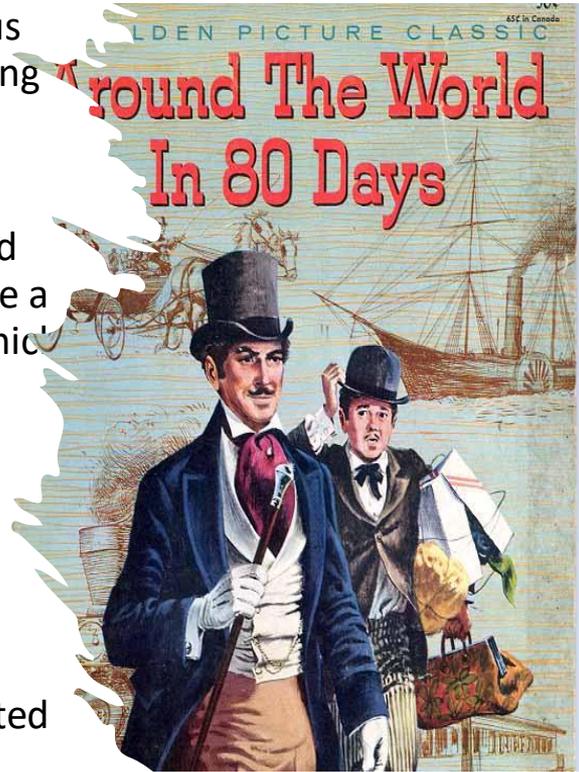
### Who was Jules Verne?

Verne was born on February 8, 1828, in Nantes, France. He studied law and worked for a while as a stockbroker, but he always considered himself to be a writer. His first successful adventure story was *Five Weeks in a Balloon*, which was published in 1863.

Verne's most famous adventure novels were *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* (1870) and *Around the World in Eighty Days* (1873).

*Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* is the story of Captain Nemo, a mysterious wanderer who commands a marvelous submarine. *Around the World in Eighty Days* is the story of Phileas Fogg, an English man who wanted to prove he could travel around the world in 80 days without an aircraft.

What common theme can you see in the novels written by Jules Verne?



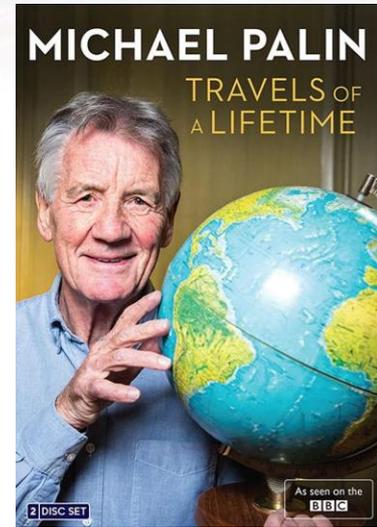


## Michael's trip 'Around the World in 80 Days'

This trip must have been well planned.

- How do you think he began to plan the trip?
- Where would you start if you were asked to travel the world in 80 days without an aircraft?
- How could he have travelled to different places?
- How do you think Michael may have felt on the trip?
- Do you think it would have been easy?
- What challenges might he have faced?
- How might he have overcome them?

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you like to go?  
Why?



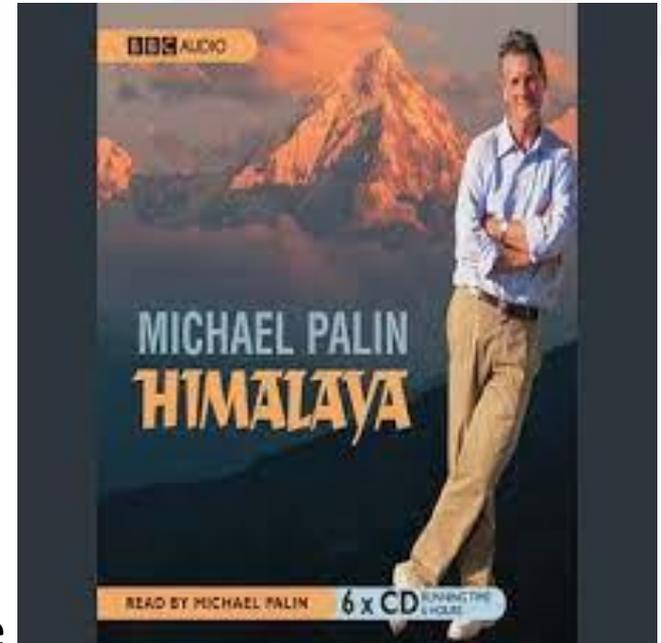


## Passion for Travel continued...

Michael's BBC travel shows included:

- Pole to Pole
- Full Circle with Michael Palin
- Michael Palin's Hemingway Adventure
- Sahara with Michael Palin
- Himalaya with Michael Palin
- Michael Palin's New Europe
- Brazil with Michael Palin

Can you find some of these places on a globe or Google Earth?





## Video clip talking about his experiences

We have learned that he has a big passion for travel and adventure. In this video clip you will see some of the places he has visited as well as some other celebrities he has inspired. You may recognise some of them!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mj31tjdK7YA>





## Shining Moments

Michael Palin was appointed a **Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG)** in the 2019 New Year Honours for "services to travel, culture and geography". Palin is the only member of the Monty Python team to receive a knighthood.



# Shining Moments Continued...

Virgin Trains' high speed Super Voyager is named after him and 'National Express East Anglia' also named British Rail Class 153 after Michael Palin in honour of his achievements as a traveller.





## How has Michael Palin inspired you?

- How has Michael Palin inspired you?
- What can you do to help your Geography light shine?
- Would you like to visit some of the places he has visited?
- If you could travel, where would you go and why?