ANTONIO PIGAFETTA

Daniele: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to our school, today a special guest is here with us, please, come in!

Francesco: Good morning, I am the first Italian to travel around the world.

D: Oh wow, where are you from?

F: I come from Venice

D: Tell me something about your journey. How was it?

F: It was really hard! There were 300 men but only 18 people survived.

D: Why?

F: The lack of food, water and vitamin C was fatal for us.

Q: How long was the journey?

F: The journey lasted about three years. Three ships left the harbour but only one returned.

D: How did you spend your time?

F: I wrote a journal, in which, however, a page was missing because, when you reach the West from the East, you "live" one day less.

Q: Where did you leave from?

F: We left from Spain.

Q: Where did you stop first?

F: We travelled from Europe to the West trying to reach the Indies. We passed through the so called Strait of Magellan.

Q: But … is Magellan dead?

F: Yes, he is. He died in a clash against an indigenous population. I was injured too.

Q: How is it possible that only one ship has returned?

F: One ship sank in the Atlantic Ocean, not all the crew survived. We burned the other ship after the clash with the indigenous population.

Q: What day did you come back?

F: We thought it was the 5th of September, when later we discovered that it was actually the 6th.

D: Well, thank you for today and for this interview.

F: Thanks to you, goodbye.

D: Thanks again and goodbye.