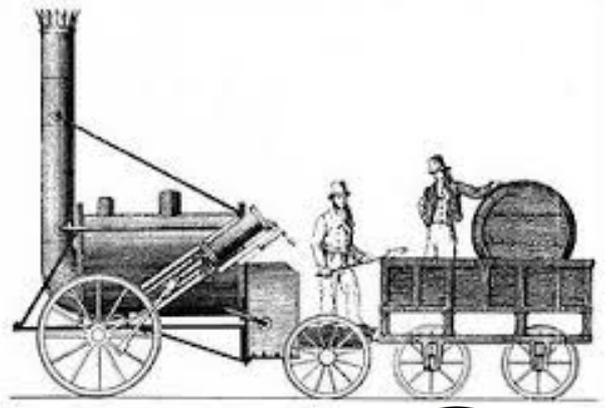


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All aboard for our new topic 'The Railways'

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a lovely, well deserved break over the Christmas holidays.

Literacy - We have started the first week back by looking at a selection of biographies. We will interview our friends in class and write a biography about their life so far. As we research into Isambard Kingdom Brunel and George Stephenson we will be able to write biographies in our sleep! We will read 'The Railway Children', explore fables and folktales and produce letters of persuasion. Daily SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and guided reading sessions will also continue. Mr Thompson from the Rotaty Club will listen to readers on a Monday afternoon. Mrs Martin and Mrs Shepherd will be helping on a Tuesday afternoon by kindly offering their creative talents.

Maths - our main focus for this half term will be to build on and deepen our knowledge of place value, mental calculation, 3D shape, length, perimeter, statistics, written addition and written subtraction. We will also continue with our weekly times tables

tests, and 'Big Maths Beat That' score. Remember to access your Mathletics account at home in your free time.

Science - We will play with forces as pushes and pulls, describe friction and sort materials according to whether they are magnetic or not. We will participate in an investigation into magnet strength, identify the different poles of a bar magnet and use a magnetic compass with four points. From this we will make a prediction, construct a bar chart and form a conclusion from our results.

RE - Why and how do different faiths use prayer? We will be thinking about prayer in our own religion and reflecting on other beliefs and their use of prayer books.

P.E - On a Thursday afternoon we will develop new skills to help us play Tennis. On a Friday we will do Gymnastics, this will incorporate our KeySteps skills and we will produce a rehearsed routine.

History/Geography - We are going back in time to

find out about the first railways and locomotives. We will look at historical figures, engineers and inventors through this industry. As we discover the railway routes throughout the country we will explore the UK capitals and their links with a trade.

Art/DT - We will focus on the artwork of the local environment inspired by LS Lowry, followed by perfecting our pencil skills by drawing trains by Terence Tenison Cuneo.

ICT - as we study maps and routes from the railway we will locate our school on Google maps and compare us with our link school in Liverpool. We will also have an E-safety session.

French - we will continue to grasp a new concept, phrase or category every week as we learn the basics and practicalities of the French language.

Music - Recorders will continue and the children are becoming very confident with short pieces. We will be performing shortly in a music assembly TBC.



PSHE - Going for Goals is our theme as we settle back into life in Year 3 with a great positive work attitude.

Useful websites:

www.mathletics.com/signin

www.mathsframe.co.uk

www.ictgames.com/resources.html

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com



