



YEAR 2/3 WHITEBEAM CLASS

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CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

This half term our curriculum theme is history and is based on our enquiry question 'How did the introduction of trains change Britain?'



ENGLISH - WRITING

In writing lessons, the children will be writing a narrative about Time Travel, a fact file about the first trains and a persuasive advert encouraging people to travel by train. They will continue to learn different spelling patterns along with grammar and punctuation.



ENGLISH - READING

During this half term, the children will continue to read a variety of texts and analyse them using the VIPERS skills of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising. This will include different fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. The children will also listen to a range of class novels.



MATHEMATICS

Working within their year group level, the initial focus this half term continues to be multiplication and division followed by fractions and measures. Alongside these lessons, the children will be involved in reasoning and problem solving activities.



HISTORY

This half term we will be learning about how trains changed Britain. The children will revise the use of timelines; explore the importance of Stephenson's Rocket; make inferences from a historical source; understand the significance of the railways on British lives and the impact they had on them.



SCIENCE

This half term we will be learning about everyday materials. They will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials; find out how the shapes of solid materials can be changed and explore the lives of people who have developed new materials.



ART

This half term the focus is on watercolour painting in art. The children will explore the art work of local artist John Sell Cotman particularly looking at his painting Chirk Aqueduct 1806-1807 before they paint their own pictures based on this artwork.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This half term our enquiry question is: 'How do Christians belong to their faith family?' The children will explore: groups they belong to, Christian artefacts and symbols and what happens during communion and baptisms.



COMPUTING

The children will be learning how to program a sequence of sounds using Scratch.



FRENCH

The children will be learning the names of a variety of vegetables and how to ask for them.



PSHE

The focus this half term is *Dreams* and Goals. The children will think about their own successes and how to succeed as part of a group.



MUSIC

The children will continue to appraise different genres of music and will develop their skills in performance and composition as they play the ukulele.

