



Our topic will be **Important Events in Modern History**, and our whole class text will be **The Railway Children**

LITERACY

Our key text will be *The Railway Children*. Our learning will include:

- explanation text based around the types of steam engine;
- Letter writing in the style of a character;
- create their own chapter to this text, creating atmosphere and suspense.

TRIPS / EXPERIENCES

- Steam Railway visit.

VALUES-BASED EDUCATION

Our focus values this term will be:

Equality, Independence, Confidence and Honesty.

MATHEMATICS

We will be spending longer on each area of maths in order to gain depth of understanding. We are covering:

Place Value, Addition/ Subtraction, Statistics, Multiplication/Division.

Please practise times tables and mental maths skills. Use <http://trockstars.com> (times tables).

HISTORY

We will be discovering about three important events in modern times:

- the moon landings;
- the sinking of the Titanic;
- the first railways.



ART

The children will create pieces of art in the style of Peter Thorpe using a range of media and application styles to create effects.

COMPUTING

We will create a simple game using coding.

RE

We will be: building up knowledge of Christianity; looking at the values Jesus shared; seeing how Christians live their lives according to his

P.E.

Days: Wednesday and Thursday - but please have PE kits in school every day.

Remember: no jewellery; long hair tied up.

READING

Reading tasks will include:

- reading and discussing our class text;
- comprehension tasks to deepen understanding of the whole class texts being studied;
- reading and answering questions based on a personal book chosen from the reading scheme;
- reading a variety of books at home (for 10 minutes 3 x per week).

Please encourage your child to read regularly, and keep a record in their reading diary, particularly if an adult has heard them read.

SCIENCE

We will be studying: Earth, Sun and Moon: the children will learn about the planets and their properties as well as facts about orbits and day and night. Forces: the children will learn about gravity, air resistance, water resistance and up-thrust.

PSHE

We will be working on understanding our relationships, feelings and emotions. Please ask your child about this.

HOMEWORK

It is set every Friday & due in by the following Friday.

- Spelling sheet (tested the following Friday);
- Termly homework sheet linked to topic work;
- Reading 3 times per week.

Please encourage your child to give 100% effort to homework.

REMEMBER: In the colder weather, please send your child to school with a coat and any other accessories to keep them warm and dry.