



Our topic will be **Explorers**, and our whole class text will be **The Railway Children**.

English

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

VALUES-BASED EDUCATION

Our focus values this term will be:

Respect, Teamwork, Trust,
Independence.

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, Fractions.

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

HISTORY

We will be discovering about explorers post 1066 who have made significant achievements or critical finds that helped shape the world that we live in today.



ART

The children will create pieces of art in the style of the Italian futurist artists such as Umberto Boccioni.

COMPUTING

We will create a simple program using coding

RE

We will be: building up knowledge of world faiths focusing on Judaism.

P.E.

Beech– Tuesday, Wednesday (Swimming)

Ash/Cedar– Wednesday/Thursday

Remember: no jewellery; long hair tied up.

SCIENCE

We will be studying: Earth, Sun and Moon: Animals including humans and forces and magnets.

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.

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) also available on Edshed.
- Termly homework sheet linked to topic work.
- Reading 3 times per week.
- English and maths tasks set weekly on Purple Mash

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