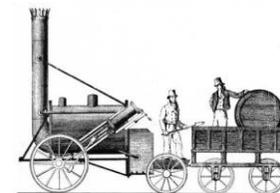
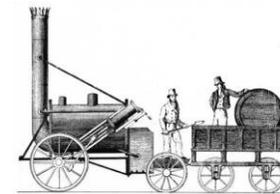


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Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
English	The children will be reading the texts 'This Rabbit Belongs to Emily Browne' by Cressida Cowell and 'Dumpling' by Dick King-Smith. They will also be looking at 'The Sound Collector' poem by Roger McGough. Their writing focus will be to entertain and they will be designing a lost poster, retelling a story from a character's point of view, writing a character description and writing a story.	Continue to give your child opportunities to read at home every night – remember the more you read the more prizes you earn! Learn the weekly spellings and complete English homework each week.
Maths	The children will be learning to recognise, find, name and write fractions of a number and a shape. They will also be exploring money and combining amounts of money to make a particular value. They will also solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money, including giving change.	Practise counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. Can your child write their own word problems for the 2, 5 and 10 time tables? Look at clocks and discuss the time. Count coins and make different amounts of money using real coins.
History	The children will be finding out about the famous people from Darlington's past, including the Pease family and George Stephenson. They will learn about the importance of railways to Darlington and why Darlington is an important railway town.	Children could talk to parents and grandparents about what they remember about Darlington when they were young. You could also visit the Railway museum.
Science	The children will be learning about which plants are in our local area. They will be looking at the life cycle of a plant and what plants need to stay healthy. They will be planting seeds and observing what happens to them. They will be finding out which plants we can eat and discovering who Diarmuid Gavin is and why he is a significant person in the world of gardening.	Children could use the internet to carry out extra research to bring to school to really impress the class. Look at the plants growing in your local area, plant some seeds and watch them grow. Talk about the different plants you see in the park, garden or supermarket.
Computing	The children will be learning about how to use the internet safely. They will learn how to search for a topic and use different search engines. They will also learn how to follow links, take photos and create a blog.	Talk to your child about how to use the internet safely and what to do if they are uncomfortable about anything online.
Religious Education	We will be continuing our learning about Christianity and finding out who St Cuthbert was and what we can learn from the story of his life.	Encourage conversations at home about the subject. Share your own views honestly and discuss the importance of respecting the beliefs of others.

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<p>Physical Education</p>	<p>The children will be taking part in a unit of work called 'Locomotion' which will focus on jumping and they will also be participating in games. As the weather becomes warmer we shall be doing some PE lessons outside so please make sure your child is suitable PE shoes / trainers on their PE day. Our PE day in Year 2 is Monday.</p>	<p>Please ensure your child wears their PE kit in school on Mondays. This should be black shorts/ jogging bottoms and a plain white T-shirt.  Appropriate footwear is also required.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>The children will be learning a song called 'Friendship Song'. They will listen to music and appraise it, they will also sing the song and play glockenspiels to accompany their singing.</p>	<p>Listen to music at home. Encourage the children to talk about how it makes them feel and what they like and dislike about songs and music.</p>
<p>Art</p>	<p>The children will complete some work created using computer art this half term. They will be using a technique called pointillism and they will be looking at work from the artists Mondrian and Picasso.</p>	<p>Children could look out for art work around your house and in shops, create their own art work or make their own wallpaper print.</p>
<p>Relationships Education</p>	<p>This half term children will complete work linked to citizenship and finances. They will consider the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is it like to live in the British Isles? • How are British people similar and different? • Where does money come from? • What choices do we have about what we spend? • What happens when we go shopping? 	<p>Talk to your child about what it means to be a citizen in the British Isles. Can they talk to you about what they have learnt in school about money and how they will use this learning?</p>