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Dear Parents,

Everyone has come back raring to go after Christmas! As always, it can take a few days to settle back but the children have done really well.

This half term we are beginning our history-based topic called, *Who was George Stephenson and why is he remembered?* We are hoping to arrange a visit to Shildon Railway Museum - we'll let you know.

### English

We will be exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction texts including some poetry that are related to trains and the railways.

We will continue to practise our letter formation, writing sentences with a capital letter and full stop, and to practise phonics every day too.

### Mathematics

This half term in maths we will be focusing on recognising and writing numbers to 20 in numbers and words, comparing numbers and quantities, one more, one less, and addition and subtraction within 20. Then we will move onto numbers to 50. The mastery approach to maths will ensure that the depth of learning in the curriculum is paramount.

### History

Through our study of George Stephenson's inventions and achievements we will learn where the people and events we study fit within the passage of time and identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods. We will practise using vocabulary of everyday historical terms. We will be asking and answering questions, choosing and using parts of stories and other sources to show that we know and understand key features of events. We will begin to understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented.

### Science

**Everyday materials:** We will distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made. We will identify, name, describe and compare the properties of a variety of everyday materials and reasons why they may be used

We will also continue to explore the elements of seasons and changing weather.

### ART

**Textiles** - we will be exploring weaving, printing and dying.

### Computing

We will learn how to use a keyboard and mouse as we begin to explore typing on a laptop. We will play games that help us learn about where the different keys are and how to use them.

### Online Safety and Digital Literacy will include:

Knowing the importance of checking with an adult before using the internet

How to deal with something they are unsure of when using the internet

Being able to find information safely on the internet with an adult

We will participate in **Internet Safety Week too.**





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### RE

We will read parables from the Bible which will help us understand why Jesus is important to Christians. We will try to understand the messages that are being told through these parables.

### Music

Music will be based around a song called 'Rhythm in the way we walk'. We will also listen to a number of songs in different styles and discuss them, explore how we can make and use sounds expressively and in different ways - long/short, high/low, and enjoy playing instruments.

We will explore the pulse, rhythms and musical patterns, and how to create different effects.

### RSHE

We will explore the question - What helps us to stay healthy?

### PE

PE this half term will be on **Friday** afternoons plus other sessions when we can get outside. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on a **Monday** and it can be taken home on **Friday** if necessary. Please remember that earrings must not be worn for PE as per school policy.

**Please** also make sure all items of clothing are clearly named so we can get any lost items back to you as soon as possible.

As a Rights Respecting Gold school we will continue to promote the UNCRC Rights of the Child throughout the Curriculum and school day as well as finding opportunities to promote our eco and sustainability ethos.

Homework will be sent out on a Thursday to be completed and returned by the following Tuesday. This will usually be linked to English or Maths.

Note: please can you ensure water bottles are kept away from reading books in bags as we are having too many books being ruined by water damage.

If you have any concerns at all or would like to discuss any aspects of the curriculum further, please come in and see anyone of the Year 1 team or contact us via the class email [y1cleves@cclt.education](mailto:y1cleves@cclt.education)

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Hilton and Year 1 staff

