

# YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER Spring 1 and 2

Life work and achievements of George Stephenson & Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

We will find out about modes of transport over time and how they have developed and the key historical figures who have made this possible. We will compare life then to life now and explore how their inventions and achievements have changed how we travel around today.

We will explore the author illustrator Jon Burningham and his book 'Oi! Get off our train!'. We will recreate artwork using charcoal of steam trains of the past.

Our topic this term is  
**Journeys**  
Here are some ways we are exploring this topic.

We will write fact files about the famous people who have influenced how people travel around the country and the globe today.

Using ideas from existing bridge structures we will design and build our own bridges.  
We will evaluate their strength and design.

We will name and label maps of the British Isles and their capital cities, including the surrounding seas.

We will plan and write our own magical train ride adventure using our knowledge of key features of a steam train.  
We will use the influences from our reading in our own writing.

We will find out about continents as we follow Paddington's journey from Peru to London.

Spellings and homework will be given on a **Friday**.

Children should bring their book bag and home reading book **everyday**. Reading books will be changed every Friday.

Children should come ready dressed for P.E.  
PE is on a **Monday** afternoon. Thank you.

**MESSAGES**

Library books will be changed every **Friday**.