English This half term, we will become real-life story explorers! We'll be reading exciting biographies to find out about the lives of L. S. Lowry and George Stephenson, discovering amazing facts about their achievements and why they are remembered today. The children will become mini researchers, gathering information and learning how to write their very own fact files and biographies using time words, interesting sentence starters and punctuation. We will also dive into the magical, wordless story *Journey* to inspire our imaginations and write wonderful descriptions of our own journeys.

Maths **In Year 1, children will learn to:**

- Develop confidence with numbers to 20 and beyond
- Practise addition and subtraction using practical resources, number lines and pictorial methods.
- Explore number bonds and begin to recall key facts fluently.
- Learn about 2D and 3D shapes
- Measure and compare length, height, mass and capacity using everyday language and simple equipment.

In Year 2, children will learn to:

- Estimate and measure length, height, mass, temperature and capacity using standard units and a range of measuring equipment.
- Compare and order measurements, recording results using the symbols >, < and =.
- Read scales accurately in divisions of 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Interpret scales with missing numbers and estimate values between marked intervals

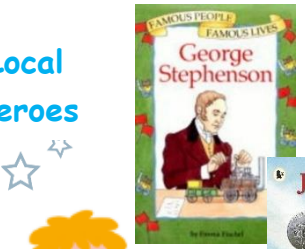
PSHE This half term, we will celebrate what makes each of us unique and special, inspired by stories such as 'Only One You.' We will learn about kindness and respect and explore why rules are important in different places. We will think about the communities and families we belong to using 'The Great Big Book of Families.' It will be a half term focused on confidence, belonging and treating others with care.

Music We will listen carefully to different pieces of music and talk about what we notice, including tempo, pitch, mood and pulse. We will create our own musical patterns using long and short sounds and choose instruments to represent feelings and ideas.

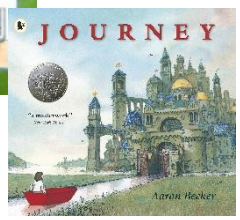
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PE This half term, we will develop our teamwork and coordination skills through fun dodgeball sessions, practising throwing, catching and dodging safely. In our multi-skills lessons, we will build agility, balance and control through a range of exciting activities and challenges, helping us grow in confidence and improve our overall fitness.



French In our 'In My Town' unit, children will learn key French vocabulary for places in a town, such as school, park and bakery. Through fun interactive games and songs, the children will build confidence in recognising and saying these words and phrases.

Computing We will learn about algorithms and programming. The children will discover that computers follow clear instructions called code and they will practise writing and following their own simple algorithms, including creating one for a recipe. We will focus on giving clear, precise instructions, spotting patterns and learning how to debug by finding and fixing mistakes to improve our work.

RE We will learn about the Christian celebration of Easter and retell the events of Holy Week. We will explore why Easter is important to Christians, including the meaning of Lent and special symbols such as eggs. The children will discover how Easter is celebrated in the UK and around the world.

Science This half term, we will become material investigators! We will explore everyday materials, sorting them into natural and man-made materials and investigating their properties. During STEAM and Science Week, we will take part in exciting engineering challenges, designing eco-friendly inventions and thinking about how materials can help protect our planet.

Art This half term in Art, we will be exploring the work of L. S. Lowry and responding to his famous industrial landscapes. The children will develop their sketchbook skills by experimenting with viewfinders, pencil grades, charcoal, pastels and watercolours to create their own Lowry-inspired scenes.

History The children will learn about local heroes such as George Stephenson and other famous inventors from the North East. We will discover how their ideas helped shape our local area and why they are still remembered today. We will explore the past by comparing 'then and now' and learning to spot old and new objects. We will become history detectives, asking questions and finding out what things from long ago were used for.

Enriching School Curriculum: KS1 First Aid training 23rd February, World Book Day celebrations 26th February, STEAM fortnight 2nd-13th March and parent's showcase 12th March, Red Nose Day 20th March, Trip to George Stephenson Museum – Purple class 20th March, Blue and Yellow Class 27th March.