



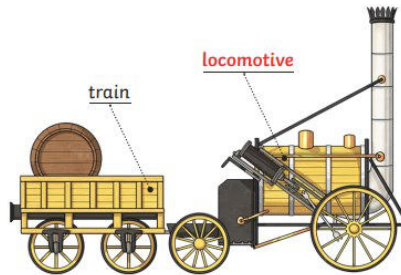
Railways Knowledge Organiser

Enquiry Question: How did the railways change the lives of the people of Britain?

History Focus	Year 4	Key Concept: Legacy	Autumn 1
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What should I already know?

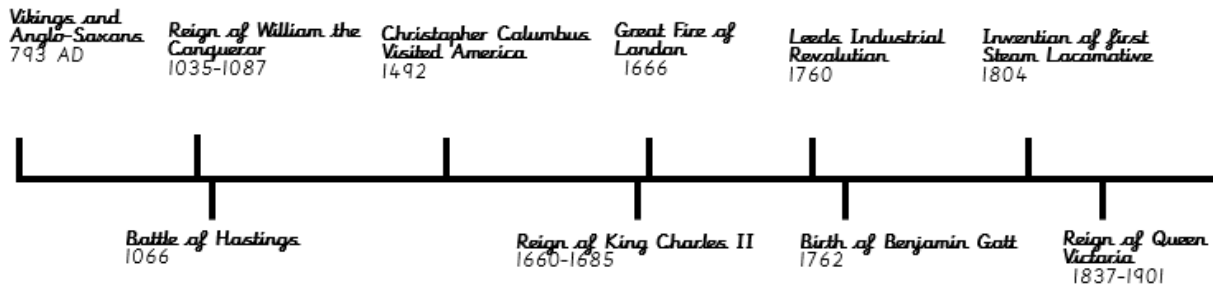
- New railways were built in the Victorian era so people could travel faster and further. (Y2)
- I know that industrialisation is a societal change that transforms a traditional, mainly farming society into a modern, manufacturing economy. (Y3)
- Queen Victoria was the first monarch to travel by train on 13th June 1842 on the Great Western Railway. (Y1)



Key Information learnt by the End of the Topic

- The first railroads in Britain were mine carts pulled along wooden tracks by horses.
- Thomas Savery (1650 – 1715) invented and made one of the first ever steam engines in 1698.
- In 1807, the first passenger railway opened in South Wales. Horses pulled carriages along tracks.
- The first passenger-carrying railway line was the Stockton to Darlington line built by George Stephenson in 1825. Locomotion No.1 was the first locomotive to run on this line.
- George Stephenson also built the Liverpool to Manchester railway line which opened in 1830. His famous locomotive, the Rocket, which had won the Rainhill Trials the year before, was the first to travel on this railway line.
- The new railways and steam trains completely changed and improved trade and travel around the country.
- Many people throughout history have had strong feelings, both good and bad, towards locomotives and railway lines.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
locomotive	‘Moving engine’. A vehicle that moves using its own power.
train	The line of carriages or carts pulled by the locomotive.
steam engine	An engine that uses steam to generate power.
passenger	A person riding in a vehicle.
nationalised	Under the government’s control and management.
privatised	Run by individual, private companies.
railroad	An old term for railway used for locomotives to travel on.
route	A course taken in getting from a starting point to an end destination.



Rocket



George Stephenson 1829

Flying Scotsman



Sir Nigel Gresley

Mallard



Sir Nigel Gresley 1938

Evening Star



RA Riddles 1960