



Year Group 3/4
Local Cornish History (Helston Railway)
 Year A Spring Term



Block Rational: This local history study looks at the impact of the railway on Britain. It explores how and why the Helston branch line came into existence and ultimately why the branch line was closed. The study also looks at the political and financial rationale behind why some local branch lines closed and some remained open and compares Helston and Falmouth branch lines. To enhance the experience, children are provided with a living history visit the branch line and the opportunity to meet the people involved with the railway's current resurgence.					Subject Links: Non-Fiction Text in Guided Reading	
Key Texts:					Fieldwork/Practical Opportunities: Visting Helston for Christmas (prior) Book in a site visit for week 4 of term.	
Links to Prior Learning: Why is the history of my locality significant Henry Trengrouse (1772 – 1854)					Links to Future Learning: British Empire (CH)	
Steps to Learning						End Point:
Lesson 1: Can I create a timeline of Helston Railway?	Lesson 2: Can I explain why Helston branch line closed, but Falmouth branch line stay open?	Lesson 3: Can I investigate Helston Railway?	Lesson 4: What does the future hold for Helston Railway?	Lesson 5: Field Trip to Helston Railway		Produce a leaflet promoting Helston Railway for visitors.
Core Concepts: Cause and Consequence Diversity and Significance				Substantive Concepts: Society Economy Trade		
Key Vocabulary:				National Curriculum:		

<p>Dr Beeching, Beeching Axe, British Railway Network, Main line, Branch line, Tourism, Trade, Heritage Railway, Rail Transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An in depth study linked to one of the British areas of study (Cornwall). • A study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality (this can go beyond 1066). • A study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.
<p>Sticky Knowledge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helston Railway was built between 1879 – 1887 • Helston Railway closed down in 1964. • Beeching Axe (Government) closed down hundred of branches due to unprofitable costs. • Helston Railway reopened in 2005 as a tourist attraction. • The railway supported the construction of the Navy Base. 	<p>Home Learning Opportunities:</p>