



Year 1 Back in Time

At Merridale, history, geography, art and design and technology are taught through a topic based approach which we call discover.

Geography

In geography, children will learn about the capital city of England, London and it's importance to the U.K. They will learn about key physical and human characteristic of London as well as learn about and identify key buildings as part of their monarchy studies.



History

Children will be introduced to The Monarchy. First we will look at King Charles III working back from present life to early childhood. We will then study Queen Elizabeth II and her legacy as well as the royal family tree. We will then travel further back in time and learn about Queen Victoria and her reign.



Design Technology

Children will complete one DT project this half term around the theme of carriages linked to the monarchy. Children will first evaluate existing products looking at The Golden State Coach before designing their own. They will then be taught the following skills ready to apply them in their independent making project:

- Understand that wheels and axles can be assembled in two different ways.
- Explore how to use hand tools safely including: junior hacksaw, bench hook and scissors.

Children will then evaluate their products against the design

Please bring in any work you complete to share with your class or email pictures to:

Office@merridaleprimary.co.uk.

Please ensure you include your child's name and Year 1.

Activities to complete at home

- Use the internet to research landmarks in London. Can you help your child learn their names? Can you work together to find them on a map?
- Have you ever visited London as a family? If so please send in any photographs you have as we would love to see them!
- Does your child have any toys with wheels at home? Can you explore how these are made? Which parts move and which parts are stationary? Can your child use Lego or Meccano to build a vehicle with moving wheels?
- Make and design your own crown.
- Use the internet to discover facts about The Royal Family. Can you help your child to name and recognise 5 members of the Royal Family.
- Use the internet to study the family tree of The Royal Family. Can you work together with your child to create your own family tree?
- Visit your local library and look at the history section. Do they have any books about the monarchy or London in the past? Look at these books together with your child.