

# Ideas for Today's Resources

Although we are proud of our industrial heritage in the Tees Valley, we don't celebrate it very well. A great example are the ironstone mines on the Eston Hills. Their importance, and substantive remains above ground, would attract a visitor centre and tempting cafe if it was located in Surrey. Try your luck up there today and you'd be hard pressed to find much left. The railway legacy is better represented at least. A brick train sculpture, some models, artwork and even a working 'Flyer' can be seen around Darlington and Stockton. We even have a museum in Darlington called 'Head of Steam' housing that very first train 'Locomotion'. But there are definitely plans in place for the 200th anniversary of that first journey. A committee of enthusiastic individuals, councils and local organisations are already generating ideas about how we can make this a special event. The task today is based on that and could even feed into it. I can pass on ideas.

## Using the task

The video provides the stimulus to celebrate the bicentenary of the birth of the railway

### Discussion points:

- How can we use the event to educate people about what was achieved?
- How can we create a legacy that stands out after the event itself?

## Community

Creating a sense of community around this work will improve authenticity and motivation for the children. I have provided a google folder at the bottom of the webpage for images of work to be uploaded to. Please don't put full names on, first name is fine and possibly the town where you are. Experience shows that this really develops self confidence and improved outcomes for further work. Equally you can email work to me.

## Tasks and outcomes

The tasks today are very open and can be varied according to needs and interests

### Task suggestions include:

- Design a party invitation for a big event that celebrates the anniversary
- Design a poster advertising the event. Try to be clear to your audience why they should attend and what the amazing event will feature
- Create a piece of artwork that could be displayed in local or national stations celebrating 200 years
- Design a 'model' artwork/sculpture that could be placed somewhere in the Tees Valley. Where would it go?
- Create a map of key places to visit for people interested in the first journey 200 years ago

More exciting than this?

