

Knowledge Organiser for Year 2 History– Transport in the past

Big question: How did people in the past travel?

National curriculum specification

- Identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.
- Explore events beyond living memory... reveal a change in national life.
- stories and other sources to show they understand key features of events
- Look at “significant historical events, people and places” in Britain

Timeline of key events

1634	The Sedan Chair began to be used in the UK – a seat inside a cabin with a detachable roof, sat on two poles carried by two King’s men.
1783	The first successful hot air balloon flight.
1812	The steam train was invented.
1829	Stephenson built the Rocket.
1871	The Penny-farthing was invented.
1885	The first petrol engine car was invented.
1903	The first successful plane flight by the Wright Brothers.
1911	The first car factory opened.

Key facts/figures

Longboat	Longboats were used by the Vikings to travel to other countries.
Sedan Chairs	Mainly used by wealthy people to sit on a chair in a cabin carried by two men.
Horse and cart	Horses and carts used to travel people and goods.
Penny-farthing	A bicycle with one large wheel at the front and smaller wheel at the back.
Steam Locomotive	The steam train transported people, even the poor, long distances for the first time – people could travel to the seaside for the first time.

Key places/ people

Karl Benz	Invented the first petrol car engine.
The Wright Brothers	Built and flew the first plane.
George Stephenson	Invented and built the first Steam Locomotive.
Henry Ford	Set up the first car-making factory.

Key vocabulary/Tier 3

Travel	Moving from one place to another.
Transport	Carrying people or goods from one place to another.

Steam engine	An engine that uses steam from boiling water to make it move. The steam pushes the moving parts.
Petrol Engine	An engine that burns a chemical called petrol to make it move.
Electric cars	Cars that used electricity to move.
Thatched roof	Dried straw tied tightly together and laid on the roof of a building

Key concepts

Before the first passenger plane in 1913 the only way to travel to other countries by boat.

Before the invention of the steam train in 1812, people could not travel long distance. The only way of moving between towns/villages was by horse.

