



GREAT BRITAIN, GREAT BRITONS

Our topic homework for this half term is based on the theme of, 'Great Britain, Great Britons'. I have outlined different homework tasks which can be completed across the half term.

Please encourage your child to choose one to be completed each week (some may take them longer than a week to complete). Topic homework should be given in on a Friday. Children are expected to complete at least four pieces of homework across the half term.

Children should also read to an adult daily and complete their maths and phonics home learning. Weekly maths homework can be found on the Mathletics website.

Useful Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zkwwq47h>

<https://www.teamgb.com/athlete/tomdaley/3y6lj3NwwM4-u2dORkh8DkXo>

<https://www.teamgb.com/athlete/laurakenny/49ArVLV8xcMKInICSVxF8a>

<https://www.teamgb.com/athlete/maxwhitlock/6JgrwhTWoyVIfsYyM7u3nP>

<https://numbots.com/>

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/allsaints-st21>

<https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>

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Imagine that you are a famous person from Great Britain. For example, someone in the Royal Family, a sports person, a singer. Write a diary for them. What would they normally do in a day?

Research your own famous British person from the past and create your own short fact file about them. You could use the BBC website below to learn more about Grace Darling.

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Paint or draw your own portrait of a famous person from Great Britain.



We will be learning all about Mackenzie Thorpe in our art lessons. Create your own sculpture. You could take a photograph of your sculpture or draw it and then bring it into school.

Write a book review for a book written by an author from Great Britain. For example, Roald Dahl or Julia Donaldson.

Create a poster about a famous British Olympic athlete. Include some important facts about them. They can be from the past of someone who will be competing in Paris 2024. For example, Tom Daley, Laura Kenny or Max Whitlock.



Can you make up your own homework about our topic?

Plan and then write your own story that includes a famous British person as the main character. What do they do? Where do they go? What problems do they face and how are they resolved?

Visit the library if possible and read a book about someone from Great Britain. It can be fiction or non-fiction.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel (1806-1859)

Early Life

- Born 9th April 1806 in Portsmouth, England.
- Son of engineer Sir Marc Isambard Brunel.
- Worked in France as an apprentice of famous watchmaker, Abraham-Louis Breguet.

Thames Tunnel

Brunel and his father worked on a ground-breaking tunnel 20 metres under the river Thames. It was 396 metres (1300 feet) long and used a new shield design to protect workers from the dangers of collapsing tunnels. The Thames Tunnel is now part of the London Underground.

Brunel's Bridges

Brunel designed and built many bridges throughout his career, including the Clifton Suspension Bridge. It was designed to use fewer materials than traditional construction methods and was completed in 1864.

Brunel's Boats

- SS Great Western - the first steamship to make regular crossings of the Atlantic Ocean.
- SS Great Britain - the first wrought iron steamship to cross the Atlantic Ocean.
- SS Great Eastern - his final project. He died ten days after the ship set sail on its unsuccessful maiden voyage.

Great Western Railway

Brunel was chief engineer for a network of bridges, tunnels and viaducts called the Great Western Railway that linked London to Bristol. It became one of his most famous projects thanks to constructions, such as the Box Hill Tunnel and Paddington Station.

Helpful Hospitals

During the Crimean War, the British Government asked Brunel to design a hospital that could be made, transported in sections and put together overseas. Within six days, he designed the Renkioi hospital which became a great success, described by Florence Nightingale as 'magnificent huts'.

