

Communication



Curriculum Links:

- Changes within living memory.
- The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements

Key Facts:

- William Caxton was the first person to bring the printing press to England in 1476. Before then, everything had to be handwritten so books were very expensive! The printing press continued to improve and became even quicker and cheaper.
- The Royal Mail Service was first made available to the public by Charles I in 1635.
- The first important step in telecommunications was the telegraph. In 1830, Samuel Morse invented Morse Code which sent coded messages over a wire.
- In 1876 Alexander Graham Bell invented the first telephone, however, only the very rich could afford one.
- In 1989 Tim Berners-Lee invented the world wide web as a way to share information or documents.
- In 1973, Motorola held the first mobile phone call, however, it wasn't until the mid 80s that mobile phones became more widely available. Smart phones were not available until 1999.



Key Vocabulary

Invention	Something that has never been made before
Morse Code	A system used to sending messages
Technology	The use of scientific discoveries
Telecommunication	Communication using phones, radios etc
Telegraph	A way of sending and receiving messages by electrical or radio signals

Possible trips/visits: We should already know:

- * Science Museum
- * London Postal Museum
- * Communication artefacts
- Make comments about familiar situations in the past
- Identify similarities and difference about the past