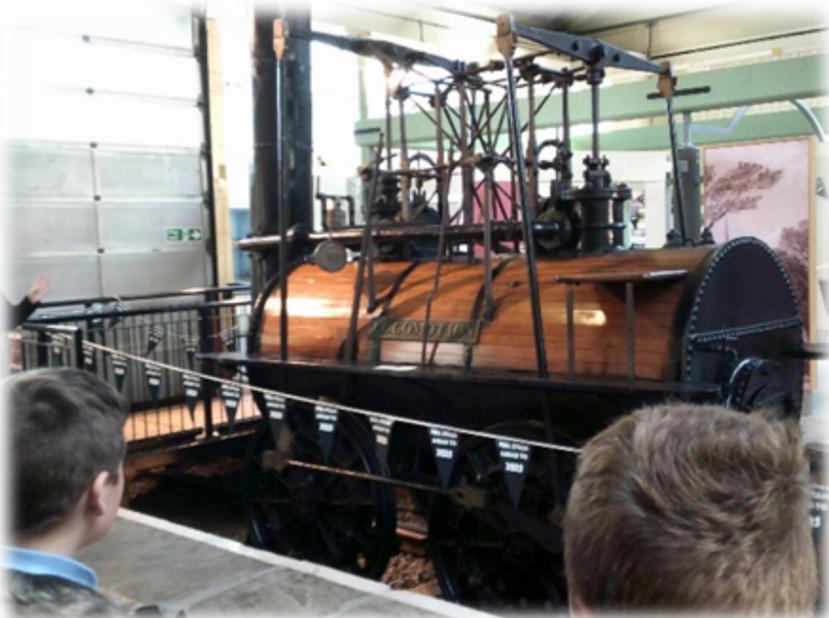


Year 6 Steam Ahead

Year 6 have been learning about our local history and took a trip to Head of Steam. They learnt lots about how Darlington was instrumental in the development of the railways and even got to see Locomotion No.1, one of George Stephenson's earliest locomotive and the first steam locomotive to carry passengers. Year 6 were incensed to find out that Locomotion No.1 is due to leave Darlington to go to Shildon and are writing letters of appeal. Please join in with their petition to keep this wonderful locomotive where it belongs by logging in to the Darlington Borough Council website and sign the petition. If you look carefully, there is huge amount of evidence that our town was very different in the past. Ask your child, we're sure you will learn something!



Year 6 Make the Regional News!

Year 6 have had a most exciting couple of weeks. At the start of our topic on the railways in Darlington, we never could have guessed the experiences it would give us. Everyone knows that Darlington is famous for the railways but just how famous, we had no idea! We started our project with a trip to Head of Steam where a tour guide showed us around the North Road area, where Locomotion No.1 took its first trip.



Locomotion 1 is still at Head of Steam and has been for over 160 years, so we were aghast when we were told that the bosses at the Science Museum were planning to move it to Shildon... Not if we can help it! We learnt of a campaign to keep the historical locomotive exactly where it is and we immediately joined in. Our children started by writing to the Science Museum, to express their concern, when Head of Steam found out about this, they visited the school to make a short film of the Year 6's protests, which can be viewed on their Facebook (and the school Facebook) page.

But it didn't stop there! Before we knew it, there was quite a buzz around Year 6's involvement in the campaign. News teams from The Northern Echo and BBC Look North came to cover the story and we featured on the lunchtime news! We were also in The Northern Echo on Saturday and you can view the article online at <https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/18784286.darlington-relaunches-campaign-keep-locomotion-no-1-town/>

We are so proud of our Year 6 class for their involvement. Parents can do their bit by signing the petition to 'Keep the Loco in Darlo.' You can do this by typing 'Keep the Loco in Darlo' into Google and clicking on the top link.