

We are learning to: Recognise the Morse Code system used to send telegraphs

Main teaching:

Using the PowerPoint explain that even though information could now be printed there was no quick way of sending a message to people without sending a letter which was carried by horse and cart. This changed with the invention of the telegraph. Talk through what a telegraph does and how it works. Mention that the first telegraphs were invented by English men but the most famous was one invented by Samuel Morse. Discuss how Morse Code was used to send messages. Ask chd how they think sending messages would have helped people in their everyday lives.

Activity:

This week children will be a telegraph operator deciphering words from a Morse code alphabet. Provide a Morse Code Alphabet and a selection of Morse Code Word cards. Challenge children to use the Morse Code Alphabet to crack the code to reveal the word.

More Discussion

Do you think people still send telegrams today? Why or Why not? Once they have expressed their ideas explain that people don't need to send telegrams now because we have emails, phone and text messages which are much simpler and quicker to use.