

Local Canal and Railway Knowledge Mat

Sticky Knowledge- What do I need to know?

Week 1 I can locate Blackburn, Mill Hill and the Leeds Liverpool canal on a map. I know that the canal was built to transport goods and that the people who build canals are called navigators or 'navvies'. I know that the canal has locks, tunnels and aqueducts.

Week 2 I can compare the area near the Navigation public house from the past with now. I can identify where the mills used to be as I walk along the canal side.

Week 3 I can locate the railway line going through Mill Hill on a map and explain that the railways were built to carry heavy loads. I can explain why they are better than canals.

Week 4 I can explain how canals work (Canal and Rivers Trust visitor).

Week 5 I can compare Mill Hill train station in the past with today.

Week 6 I can explain who benefitted from the building of the railway in Mill Hill.

Key Vocabulary- What words do I need to know and understand?

canal A canal is a man-made waterway. It is much shallower and narrower than a river.

navigators People who build canals. They are now known as 'navvies'.

aqueduct A large system for carrying water from one place to another. It carries water over something such as a canal, river, road or railway.

tunnel A tunnel is an underground passage.

lock A lock is a stretch of canal blocked off at each end by strong gates. It allows boats to move up or down a hill on a canal.

tow path Path next to the canal. Horses used to walk on the tow path as they were towing the boats in the past.