



Year 2

The River Weaver

- ### What should I already know?
- Pictures, artefacts or events in chronological (time) order.
 - Compare timeline to the timeline of your family. Where do key event in your family?
 - Use words and phrases such as old, new, a long time ago, before and after to describe the past.
 - Use stories to ask and answer questions about the past.
 - Homes, who lives there. Who lives in a castle?
 - Compare significant individuals
 - Use words such as before, after, past, present, then and now.

- ### What will I know by the end of the unit?
- The river Weaver runs in a curving route anti-clockwise across Cheshire, northern England.
 - In 1720 the improvements were made to the river Weaver to make it more navigable
 - Access to the river was improved in 1810 by the Weston Canal, which provided a link to Weston Point, where boats could reach the River Mersey.
 - 11 locks were added to the river Weaver alongside bridges and roads being built around the Weaver.
 - The main trade was salt
 - Trade was helped by the Anderton Boat Lift near Northwich which links the Weaver and the Trent Mersey Canal, which allowed for a lot of trade to take place. 1870 and 1900, with the original locks being replaced by five much larger locks, capable of handling 1000-tonne coasters.

Vocabulary	
Travel	Moving one from one place to another.
Transport	Carrying people or goods from one place to another.
Steam engine	A steam engine uses steam from boiling water to make it move. The steam pushes the moving parts.
Canal	An artificial waterway constructed to allow the passage of boats or ships inland or to convey water for irrigation.
River Weaver	The river that runs through Cheshire and Winsford.
Salt Mine	A mine yielding rock salt.
Winsford flashes	Three lakes along the course of the River Weaver
Locks	A short section of a canal or river with gates and sluices at each end which can be opened or closed to change the water level, used for raising and lowering boats.
Anderton boat lift	A two <u>caisson lift lock</u> near the village of <u>Anderton, Cheshire</u> , in <u>North West England</u> . It provides a 50-foot (15.2 m) vertical link between two navigable waterways: the <u>River Weaver</u> and the <u>Trent and Mersey Canal</u> .

Key Dates

1720 Improvements were made to the River Weaver

- ### Historical Skills
- Recognise some similarities and differences between the past and the present.
 - Identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.
 - Understand that there are reasons why people in the past acted as they did



Mini-Assessment

Question 1 Where is the River Weaver?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
London		
Winsford		
Crewe		

Question 2 Why were locks added to the River Weaver?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
To straighten it and to allow for greater salt trade		
To lock people out of Winsford		
To stop water from coming in to Winsford		

Question 3 What is the Anderton boat lift?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
A lock lift in Northwich that links the canal and river.		
A lift that puts boats onto the road.		
Something that boats go on to be fixed.		

Question 4
Write one fact about the River Weaver

Start of unit

End of unit
