By understanding the meaning of ‘significance’, the children will identify how the IR was important to Cornwall in establishing its legacy and heritage that it still holds today. This will then be reinforced when they learn about the extent of mining in the area and how Cornwall came to produce around 66% of the world’s tin and copper. By identifying the causes of the decline of mining in the area, the children will understand that it doesn’t continue today and how trade around the world can impact on the local area. Finally, by looking at the small resurgence of lithium mining in the area, they will begin to understand how the developments of the IR was necessary in identifying that lithium could be found and then used today.

By first understanding what the terms ‘Industry’ and ‘Revolution’ actually mean, the children will have a deeper understanding of the upcoming content and will be able to identify the roles that each of the features played in developing Cornwall as a mining powerhouse. By then identifying the major elements of the IR as a whole, they will begin to appreciate how the landscape of Britain, and the world, was starting to change and the importance of those changes in developing Cornwall.