



Year 1 and 2
Cycle A

Healthy Mind, Healthy Body

History - How did Louis Braille's invention of Braille help blind people to read?

In this unit the children will:

- Compare and identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods
- Ask and answer questions to find out more about the past—Why?, What?, Who?, How?, Where?, When?
- Select parts of stories and other sources to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key features and events
- Sequence events or objects in chronological order

Key Vocabulary

Blind - Not being able to see or only being able to see light and dark

Antibiotics - A medicine that doctors can give you to help fight infections

Braille - A system of 6 raised dots that blind people use to read letters and numbers through feeling them with the tips of their fingers

Inventor - Someone who is the first to think or make something

Tactile - Using the sense of touch to communicate

Key Knowledge

- Louis Braille was born in France in 1809 - more than 210 years ago
- When he was 3 Louis had an accident with a sharp tool in his father's workshop which made a hole in his eye. Because there were no antibiotics he then got an infection which spread to his other eye and he became blind
- At school Louis wasn't able to learn to read and write like his other friends because he couldn't see the letters and words
- At the age of 10 Louis went to a special school for blind children in Paris. He liked his new school and was given books with raised letters that he could feel, but reading feeling raised letters was slow and difficult
- When Louis Braille was 16 he invented a code using 6 raised dots in rows to represent letters and numbers. Blind people could feel the dots with their fingers and read much faster.
- Louis Braille went on to become a teacher at the blind school teaching other people how to use the Braille system
- Blind people today learn to read using Braille. Braille can be found on signs, bottles etc.. so that blind people can read them

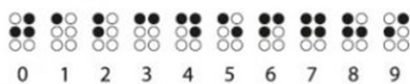
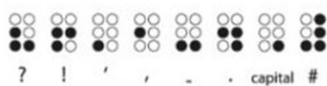
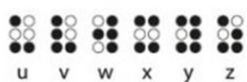
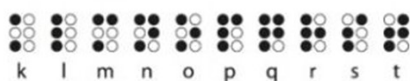
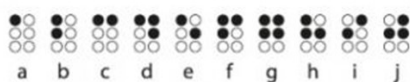
Background Understanding



Louis Braille's house in France



Braille Alphabet



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6cVVTMioPc>
Magic Grandad - Louis Braille

