



Year: 5P & 5G
Term: Spring 1

Roll up! Roll up! Come to the Circus! Come to the Fair!

Background Information

This term, our topic is based on the subject of fairgrounds and the circus. Through this subject, we will learn about how fair grounds work through a range of different forces and mechanisms. We will explore the development of circus and fairground posters throughout the years.

We will be exploring different ways to join fabric, including stitching.

In Science we will be learning about mechanisms such as levers, gears and pulleys.

We will be incorporating our topic into our Literacy by using *The Greatest Showman* as inspiration for our writing.



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Key Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
Fairground	The arrangements of events in time order
Circus	A travelling company of acrobats, clowns, and other entertainers which gives performances, typically in a large tent.
Gravity	The force that attracts things towards the centre of the earth.
Gears	Gears are wheels with toothed edges that rotate on an axle or shaft.
Pulleys	Pulleys are mechanisms that have wheels and rope used to lift heavy objects.
Levers	A simple machine consisting of a bar that pivots on a fixed support.
Propaganda	Information that is used to promote a point of view

Killer Facts!

Science

Unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object.
Some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

Historical enquiry

Reliable sources of evidence can be used to answer questions but not all historical sources are reliable.

Historical interpretation

People can represent events or ideas in ways that persuade others - bias and propaganda and that this affects interpretations of history.

