

Numeracy Ideas for 'The Ghost Train'

Time

- Make clocks and move the clock's hands around as the ghost train stops at different stations. Tell the time.
- How long does the ghost train go for? Work out the elapsed time.
- Make a timeline of what happens in the story.

Number

- Order the numbers in the beauty parade from smallest to largest. Add them, multiply them.
- Estimate how many skeletons there are in the book and count them to check. Find out how many bones the human body has and multiply them by the number of skeletons in the book.
- Estimate how many ghosts there are in the book and count them to check. From this work out how many ghost eyes there must be (ie double that number)
- How many stars are there on a particular page or the whole book? From this work out how many points there are (ie multiply by 5)

Shape

- Name the shapes in the illustrations.
- How many different shapes are there?
- Pick a colour and identify all the shapes in that colour.

- Draw the shapes and write about them. How many sides? How many angles?
- Classify the shapes into groups.