

Dear Parents,

Our next topic is called 'Seaside Holidays.' Please help your children to prepare for this topic by helping them to learn some of the key words (in purple) and the facts on this sheet.

There are some homework activities on the back of this sheet. Your child can complete these at any time. Your child's teacher would love to see what they have created.



Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Year 2



**Year 2 -  
Geography/History  
Unit 3**



Seasides are on the coast, which is next to the sea. It is called the seaside because it is besides the sea.

Seaside holidays became popular in the UK in Victorian times. The Victorians lived over 150 years ago when Queen Victoria was the Queen of our country.



**Did you know?**

Going to the seaside on holiday hasn't always been something that people have done. A long time ago, it was only very rich people who went to the seaside. Before cars, trains and aeroplanes were invented, it was very difficult for people to travel, as it took a long time for them to get to places using horses and carriages. Most people couldn't afford to do this.

Rich people started visiting the seaside during the 1700s. These people would go to the seaside because they thought the fresh air and bathing in the sea was good for your health.

About 180 years ago, there was an invention that changed this. The steam train made it possible for lots of people to travel to the seaside. It was quick and cheap. As the steam train became more popular, more and more people started going to the seaside for day trips, weekends or holidays. For the first time, poorer people who lived in busy, dirty cities could come to the seaside to enjoy the fresh air, the sand and the sea.



**Useful Vocabulary**

**Physical and Human Features of the seaside**

A 'feature' is a thing that makes a place special. There are lots of features that make the seaside special.

**Physical Features**

Some features are physical features. This means that they are natural. They have not been made by humans but are found at the seaside naturally



**bay**

A place where the coast bends inwards and sea fills the space.



**beach**

Land by the edge of the sea covered with sand or small stones.



**cliff**

Steep rock close to the sea.



**rockpool**

Small pool of water near rocks



**sand dune**

Hills or mounds of sand held together by plants.



**shingle**

Lots of small stones by the edge of the sea.

**Human Features**

Other features are human features. This means that they have been made by humans. These features have been built and put at the seaside by human beings.



**caravan site**

An area filled with caravans where people stay while on holiday.



**fairground**

Place where there are rides, stalls and shows.



**harbour**

A place where boats can stay in the water when not at sea.



**lighthouse**

A tower with a bright light that warns ships about dangers like rocks.



**pier**

A structure for people to walk along that is built into the sea.



**promenade**

A paved public footpath along the seafront.

### Things you might see at a Victorian seaside



bathing huts - These were huts that people could get changed in.



donkey rides



puppet shows - The most famous of these is the Punch and Judy show.



parasols - These are umbrellas which are used to shade you from the sun.



playing in the sand and sea



Blackpool Tower  
The Blackpool Tower was a famous attraction to many seaside holidaymakers.

When the Blackpool Tower was completed in 1894. It was the tallest building in the British Empire.



Over time, the clothes that people wear to go into the sea have changed. Look at how these female outfits have changed over time. What differences can you see?

#### Grace Darling

Grace Darling lived from 1915-1942. She was a lighthouse keeper's daughter. One night during a storm, a ship (the SS Forfarshire) broke up on the rocks near her lighthouse. Grace and her father rowed out into the stormy sea to collect survivors. They rescued 9 survivors. Grace became famous and even Queen Victoria wrote to her with a reward.



#### Holidays Now

Although people still go to the seaside in this country, many people nowadays travel to the seaside in other countries. This is because travel by aeroplane has become more common and cheaper.



### Homework

- (1) Make a model of the Blackpool Tower.
- (2) Design an advertisement poster for a holiday destination.
- (3) Make a model of a fairground ride.
- (4) Create a seaside poem.
- (5) Find out facts about an animal that lives in the sea. Create a fact file about it.
- (6) Talk to your parents and grown ups about their seaside holidays. Can they find some photos to talk to you about their experiences.
- (7) Create a puppet for a Punch and Judy show.



- (8) Design an outfit you would like to wear at the seaside.
- (9) Create a sea creature from recycled materials.

