



Year 2 History: History of British seaside

What I should already know:

An understanding that life today may be different from life in the past.

That people go to the seaside on holiday.

At the end of this topic, I will know:

How holidays to the seaside have changed in the last 100 years.

Key period features of seaside holidays including clothes, travel and entertainment.

Similarities and differences between seaside holidays in the past and present.

The reason Victorians went on seaside holidays and how they became popular.

UK seaside resorts







Key Facts:

People have been going on seaside holidays for over 100 years. They became popular during Victorian times when Queen Victoria ruled.

The invention of the railway and steam trains had an impact on people's lives. People who had never had holidays before started travelling to the seaside on the train. Holidays in the past were almost always health related as people thought the sea was good for their health.

Victorian people thought it was rude to show too much of their bodies so they had special bathing huts on wheels to get changed in which were then wheeled into the sea so people could step into the water without anyone seeing them in their bathing costumes. Not many people sunbathed.

Vocabulary	
Seaside	A place by the sea, especially a beach area or holiday resort.
Pier	A raised platform coming out from the shore over the sea.
Coast	A part of the land next to the sea.
Promenade	A paved public walk along the seafront.
Carousel	A merry-go-round at the fair.
Souvenirs	Something that is kept as a reminder of a place visited.
Bathing machine	A wheeled hut for getting changed in.
Penny lick	A small glass for serving ice cream.
Band stand	A covered stand where the band would play.
Punch and Judy	A funny puppet show that was common at the seaside in the Victorian times.

Timeline		
Victorian seaside	Seaside 10 years ago	Present day seaside
		