



The Seaside- Now and Then

Changes to seaside holidays
 The railway was invented in the 1840s. Then more people could go to the seaside. More hotels were built for people to stay in. Lots of beaches were given bathing machines.

Significant people- Queen Victoria
24 May 1819 – 22 January 1901



Known as the Victorian era, her reign of 63 years was longer than any other monarch— until our Queen Elizabeth 2nd.

Did you know?
 The first British seaside town was Scarborough in the North of England.

Did you know?
 Seaside holidays first started in the 1700s.

Did you know?
 The first seaside holidays were only for the rich.



Monarchy	Queen or King
Seaside	A place by the sea, usually with a beach and / or a holiday resort.
Beach	A pebbly or sandy shore between the sea and the land
Coast	A part of the land next to the sea.
Promenade	A path next to the beach where people go for a long walk
Punch and Judy	A funny puppet show that was common at the seaside in Victorian times.
Bathing machine	They were used a long time ago so that people could change in private before going into the sea.
Carousel	A merry-go-round at a fair.
Souvenir	Something which you keep as a reminder of a place or an event

The Royal Family helped to popularise trips to the seaside, George III (Queen Victoria's granddad) regularly went to Weymouth between 1789 and 1805. Before 1800 only the very wealthiest people had any leisure time or holidays. Seaside holidays became popular in the Late Victorian times, when there was a growth in the number of Middle-Class people and improved transport particularly railway links to the coast. In 1871, bank holidays began and this meant Victorian people could have a day's holiday and visit the seaside!

Have you been to the seaside?
 What facts do you remember about the significant historical events you learnt in Year 1 and Year 2?
 The Gun Powder plot? The Titanic?
 Castles? The Great Fire of London?
 Why were they significant?

