# Merry Hill Infant School and Nursery - Knowledge organiser History

**Topic: Victorian Seaside Holidays** 

Year Group: 2

Term: Summer

## Key Knowledge

What is a holiday?	A holiday is a break from school and work and comes from 'holy day' because in the past they were based around religious festivals.
When did people start going on holidays?	About 200 years ago people started going to the seaside as they believed it improved their health.
Who is Queen Victoria?	Queen Victoria was queen from 1837–1901. During her reign holidays by the sea became popular.
Where did people go to the seaside?	Before planes were invented people could only travel within the UK. They visited seaside towns by horse and cart or steam train.
How have seaside holidays changed?	The ways people dressed and the activities they did at the beach have changed over the past 100 years. It is cheaper and easier to go to the seaside today.

## **Seaside locations in UK**



## Isle of Wight

Queen Victoria loved it here and rebuilt Osborne house where she stayed on her birthday, Prince Albert's birthday and just before Christmas.

## **Key Vocabulary**

seaside	a place by the sea, especially a beach area or holiday resort.
promenade	A paved, public walkway near to the sea front.
coast	Where the sea meets the land.
shore	The land along the edge of the sea.
beach	a pebbly or sandy shore between the sea and land.
harbour	a place on the coast where ships can park in shelter from high winds and rough seas
pier	a platform on pillars projecting from the shore into the sea
Victorian	A name for the period in time when Queen Victoria was on the throne.
past	An event that happened at an earlier time.

## **Interesting Facts**

- Most Victorians could not swim
- People drank sea water as medicine
- lce creams were sometimes called 'Hokey Pokeys'
- In 1870's seaside holidays became affordable for working class people.

#### **Pier**

Victorians would enjoy a walk out to sea along the pier.



## **Significant Objects**

# **Significant People**

#### **Grace Darling**

Grace Darling 1815-1842



A lighthouse keepers daughter who famously rescued ship wrecked sailors.

#### **Queen Victoria**

Queen Victoria 1819-1901



Queen of England. She was 18 when she became Queen and was the first royal to live at Buckingham Palace.

## **Bathing Hut**



**Donkey Rides** 



## Punch and Judy



Lighthouse



## Mens bathing suits



Ladies bathing suits



