

**Beside the seaside!**

The children will be learning about the features of seaside holidays. They will use photographs to find out about what seaside holidays were like in the past and how they became popular. They will begin to learn about placing events in time order and compare seaside holidays in the past to how they are now.

**Vocabulary**

Christmas, Easter, Summer, Autumn, Spring, Winter, photograph, clues, holy, religion, festival, steam train, carriage, brass band, Victorian, tradition, carousel, history, cockles, bathing machines.

**Key points**

- The word holiday comes from the words 'holy day' as they used to be based around religious festivals. Nowadays, people have holidays to take a rest from working hard.
- At first, it was only rich people who could visit the seaside as most people could not afford to.
- After the steam train was invented, more people could visit the beach.
- Although we still enjoy visiting the seaside, it is not as popular as it once was.
- Some activities we enjoy at the beach are the same as they were 100 years ago: sunbathing; exploring rock-pools and paddling- although the modest Victorians would use 'bathing machines' so that no-one would see them in their swimming costumes!

**When did seaside holidays begin?**

- They started about 200 years ago.
- First it was only very rich people who could go.
- When the steam train was developed, more people were able to visit the seaside.
- About 100 years ago, visits to the seaside were very popular. They became a 'British tradition'.

**What were seaside holidays like?**

- People wore swimming costumes to cover their bodies.
- They would travel by horse and carriage or in steam trains to the beach.
- People would eat jellied eels, fish and chips, candyfloss, ice cream and toffee apples.
- Children and adults would watch Punch and Judy shows and enjoy other entertainment, such as jugglers, magicians and carousels.