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 teachers



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.







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

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



Human Features

sand dune

Hills or mounds of sand held

together by plants.

shingle

Lots of small stones by the edge

of the sea.

rockpool

Small pool of water near rocks

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.



Things you might see at a Victorian seaside

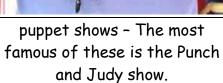




bathing huts - These were huts that people could get changed in.

donkey rides







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?

<u>Grace Darling</u>

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.





