

# History of the Seaside

## Where did people go in the past?

People have been going on holiday to the seaside for hundreds of years. Most people would go to a British seaside, to places such as Blackpool. This was because flying to another country wasn't an option. People used to travel there by train. It was very busy and hundreds of people would go to the beach at the same time.



## What did people do at the seaside?

People liked to go to the beach. Women would get changed inside a bathing machine. A horse would pull it to the water and they could then go into the sea without being seen.

People enjoyed watching a show called Punch and Judy on the beach. There were band stands where a band would play. Some beaches had piers with shops and arcades. Small children liked to ride on donkeys.

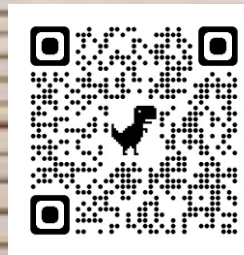


## Grace Darling

Grace Darling was born 1815. When she was ten her family moved to live in a lighthouse on Longstone. When she was older Grace became her father's assistant and was helped him to look after the lantern, mend fishing nets and keeping a watch out for boats in danger.



On 7<sup>th</sup> September 1838, the paddle steamer SS Forfarshire was travelling from Hull to Dundee carrying 60 passengers. It was a rough, stormy night and the Forfarshire hit the rocks. Lots of people died when the boat crashed. Some people clung to rocks and some escaped on a lifeboat. William and Grace Darling decided to row out to rescue them. William and Grace helped all of the survivors onto the boat, until all of them were safe. They took the survivors back to the lighthouse, looked after them until the storm had finally passed.



Scan here to go to the beach with Magic Grandad!



Scan here to find out more about Grace Darling



# The Seaside

Reception: Term 3.2

## What do I already know?

What sand and water are and what they feel like.

Name some sea creatures including a shark and a fish.

## What jobs do people have by the seaside?

- Lifeguards and coastguards
- Ice cream seller
- Hotel workers
- A waiter or waitress in a seaside café
- Fisherman

Here is a poem we will be learning in class.

## By the Seaside

I look across the deep blue sea,  
White tips and seagulls I can see,  
And there upon the sandy shore,  
Are cuttlefish and shells galore.  
I stroll along the empty beach,  
The wind blows through my hair,  
I throw my arms toward the sky,  
Feeling happy without a care.  
Small crabs scuttle by my feet,  
In a hurried, hectic way,  
I prance around avoiding them,  
And leave without delay.  
I take a seat upon a bench,  
Gaze at the sea once more,  
It sparkles like a sapphire blue,  
Even more beautiful than before.

## Important Words -

seaside – an area on the coast between land and a body of water.

coast – the area where the land and sea meet.

cliff – tall, steep rocks which have vertical (straight up and down) faces.

beach – a narrow, gently sloping strip of land that lies along the edge of an ocean, lake or river.

ocean – a huge body of salt water.

sand dune – a mound of sand formed by the wind, usually along the beach or in a desert.

pier – a raised walkway across water.

promenade – a wide path for walking on, often built next to the sea, a lake or a river.

lighthouse – a tower with a powerful light at the top that is built on or near the shore to guide sailors at night.

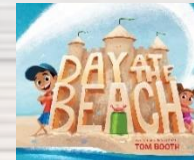
## Some books to share

Clean Up - Nathan Bryon



At the Beach – Shira Evans

Day at the Beach  
- Tom Booth



## A video of Southwold Seaside



The seaside is made up of physical and human features. Physical features are created naturally in the environment. Human features are created by humans.

Physical features can include a beach, cliff, ocean and sand dunes. Human features may include a pier, promenade, restaurants, cafes, caravan parks shops, beach huts, lifeboat stations and light houses.

