

## How did the Victorians influence the holiday?

In this unit of work the children will look at the revolution of the British seaside holiday and how this happened in the Victorian era. The children will learn about new inventions that changed the way we holiday today.

### In this unit children will:

- Be able to explain the differences between holidays today compared to back in the Victorian times.
- Understand how holidays first evolved from day trips to the seaside to spending longer there.
- Understand how the expansion of the railway allowed people to travel further and begin the start of the holidays.
- See how many inventions and creations were brought in through the Victorian era to bring more fun to the seaside holiday.

### Key Vocabulary

**city** – a large town

**coast** – the part of the land near the sea

**island** – a piece of land surrounded by water such as United Kingdom.

**sea** – the salt water that covers most of the earth's surface

**harbour** – a place by the seaside where the boats can stay safely in the water

**pier** – a structure for people to walk along that is built out into the sea

**hokey pokey** – ice cream pressed between two wafers

**bathing machine** – a little wooden hut where people can get changed into their swimwear

**rock pooling** – fun made by finding small fish in small rock pools

**Punch and Judy** - a funny puppet show made popular at the Victorian beach

**donkey ride** – beach fun by riding a donkey on the beach

### Prior Learning

**EYFS** – seaside

**Year 1** – famous historical figures

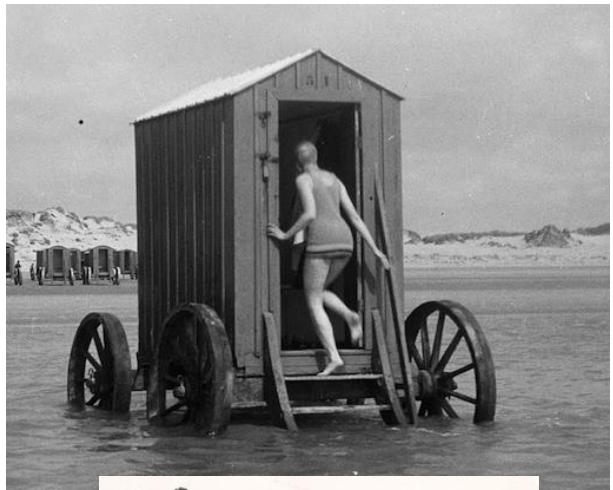
### Cross Curricular Links

**Geography** – map work - UK

**Literacy** – Victorian postcards

## Key Knowledge

- The word '**holiday**' comes from the words 'holy day' because a long time ago **holidays** were based around religious festivals.
- The reason for holidays in **Victorian times** were nearly always health related. **Seawater** was considered to have a beneficial effect on health and cure diseases.
- The **Victorian** people loved to spend days and holidays by the **sea** and the **coast**.
- The first people to take holidays were the rich people about 200 years ago.
- During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the development of **railways** and other transport such as steamboats allowed more people to visit different seaside resorts. As rail fares became cheaper, more people would travel further and more often.
- Lots of things were created to make seaside holidays more fun including **donkey rides**, **rock pooling** and the **hokey pokey**.
- **Bathing machines** were invented for the **upper class** so they could get changed into their bathing costumes in privacy.



- **Piers** were created for the upper class so they could be near the sea without getting wet.
- Both adults and children enjoyed seeing a **Punch and Judy show** when visiting the beach.
- The first fish and chip shop opened in **1860**.

## Key Questions

- Who invented the **Punch and Judy**?
- Was the **hokey pokey** popular?
- Which was one of most famous Victorian beaches?