



History

The local area.

Background Information

The local area unit will teach children about significant historical events, people and places in their own locality. It will also encourage children to ask and answer questions about ways in which we find out about the past whilst identifying similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods of time. The children will learn how Swanley has changed from rural farm land to a bustling town with the introduction of the railway, hospitals and changes to the high street. Finally, they will learn about the life of a local soldier and why he is remembered.



In this unit the children will...

- ⇒ Ask and answer questions about their own locality.
- ⇒ Make comparisons between the local area now and in the past.
- ⇒ Learn about significant historical events in own locality by understanding how trains changed people's lives.
- ⇒ Learn about significant historical places in own locality by understanding how hospitals have developed over the years.
- ⇒ Learn about significant people in own locality as they learn about the life of Staff Paymaster Joseph Theodore Gedge.

By the end of this unit....

All children should be able to:

- Talk about some of the key changes in the local area.
- Say why the introduction of trains was important to the local area.
- Explain that we know about the changes in the local area because of photographs and newspaper articles.

Most children will be able to:

- Explain how we know about the changes in the local area from a variety of primary sources.
- Show awareness of how Swanley has changed, including its buildings, people and transport.
- Write a report about the first train ride.
- Write a report about staying in a historical hospital.

Some children will be able to:

- Explain their reasons why some sources are more useful than others in their historical enquiry.
- Start questioning the reliability of some historical evidence.
- Imagine and write about the experiences of people in different historical periods based on factual evidence.

Key Vocabulary

Historical, changes, similarities, differences, past, present, future, articles, photographs, enquiry, transport, hospitals, chapels, stations, memorials, HMS, staff paymaster, medal, accountancy.

