TMS History Launchpad - Year 2023/2024 Year 2 - Curriculum area: Changes within living memory



How have holidays changed since the 1800's?

Who went on holiday? (similarity and difference)
How did people travel to their holiday destinations? (cause and consequence)
How has entertainment at the beach changed? (similarity and difference)

Cornish links:

Tourism began in Cornwall with the introduction of the railway in the 1800's. Cornwall is the top UK destination for British people.

Substantive concepts

Social structure is the organisation of people based on status, roles, groups, and institutions. Previously taught in Y1.

Substantive knowledge

- In the early 19th century everyone had Sunday off.
- In 1871, the Bank Holiday Act gave workers a few paid holidays each year, some workers began to have a week's paid annual holiday.
- Until the late 19th century going away on holiday was only for the wealthy.
- In the 1890s most workers gained a half-day holiday on Saturday and the weekend was born.
- In the late 19th century when some skilled workers began to have paid holidays they often went to stay at the seaside.
- Poor people could not afford to take time off work for holidays but they could have working holidays.
- Many people from the East End of London went hop picking in Kent during the season.
- People could not afford a week's holiday by the seaside so instead went for a day out.
- Now, a full time worker is entitled to 28 days of paid annual leave each year.
- The most popular travel destination for British people is Spain.
- In 2022 over 50% of British people went on a holiday abroad.





- By 1815 steamships were sailing across the English Channel making foreign travel much easier.
- In the 1840s, the spread of railways made travel much faster and more comfortable for the rich. They also made travel much cheaper and days out possible for ordinary people for the first time.
 Thomas Cook began arranging excursions by train in Britain.
- In the 1860s Thomas Cook arranged package tours abroad.
- However, foreign holidays were still only for the wealthy.

- The first pleasure pier was built at Brighton in 1823 and soon they appeared at seaside resorts across
 Britain.
- During the 1800's bathing in the sea was believed to be good for you.
- People were fully clothes at all times, some beaches were for men, and some were for women.
- In the late 19th century the modern seaside holiday began with seaside rock, piers, donkey rides, and Punch and Judy shows.
- Now, most people are entertained by playing with buckets and spades, rock pooling, surfing, watersports.