

What was life like before the steam engine and how has it changed Torbay?

Over time many new machines and technologies have been invented, which has changed the way people live and work.

The steam train in Torbay brought a lot of changes. First, it allowed people to travel to and from Torbay faster than ever before—instead of taking several hours in a carriage, they could travel by train in just a few hours! This made it easy for people to visit, work and trade in Torbay.

One of the most important developments in Torbay during this time was the growth of tourism. As more people had jobs and money to spend, they began to take holidays by the sea. This led to the development of new hotels and resorts, and helped to make Torbay a popular tourist destination that still attracts visitors today.

What I have already learnt:

Children in Foundation have learnt about:

- How our local area changed.
- The similarities and differences between the steam engine and the modern engines - how lots of things around us are constantly evolving and changing.

Children this year have learnt about:

- Life in Tudor Britain.
- What an empire is.
- The Spanish Barn and its significance to Torquay.

What I will learn:

In Year 3/4 children will learn about:

- The Shang Dynasty and how this differs to other empires.
- What Torbay was like during the Stone Age.

Topic: History – What was life like before the steam engine and how has it changed Torbay?

**Term:
Summer 1**

**Year:
Unit 2**

**Duration:
5 Weeks**

Week one: What was the Industrial Revolution and what was life like before?

	Do I know this?
I can explain what an empire is.	
I know who Queen Victoria is and why she was such a significant monarch.	
I know what life was like in Britain before 1750.	

Week Two: How has the way we make products changed over time? What changed for people when the steam train was invented?

	Do I know this?
How did we make products before machines?	
How did people travel before the steam train?	
What is a primary source of evidence?	

Week Three: Who was Isambard Kingdom Brunel? How did Torbay change after the steam train was invented?

	Do I know this?
Who was Isambard Kingdom Brunel?	
What did Isambard Kingdom Brunel design and build locally?	
How did the steam engine help to change Torbay?	

Week Four: What was the impact of the steam train on Torbay?

	Do I know this?
I can ask questions like an historian.	
What is a secondary source of evidence?	



Isambard Kingdom Brunel

1806 - 1859

Isambard Kingdom Brunel is famous for his engineering work.

Disciplinary knowledge is how we learn to think like historians. We will use these throughout our Long Enquiry.

Vocabulary	Definition
Victorians	people that lived during the reign of Queen Victoria.
Crops	plants grown on a farm.
Merchants	people who buy goods and sells them to make money.
Reign	to hold the power of a monarch; rule.
Trade	the act of exchanging or buying and selling goods.
Tourism	the act of traveling, usually for sightseeing or relaxing.
Empire	an empire is a group of countries that are ruled by one country.
Viaduct	a special type of bridge that has arches, piers or columns supporting a long railway or road which is high off the ground.



1900 - Torre Abbey Sands, Torquay.

Chronology	Historians put events in time order.
Interpreting History	Historians explain past events using evidence.
Historical Enquiry using Evidence	Historians use evidence to answer questions. Evidence can be objects, artefacts, documents, images and other things.
Change and continuity	Historians know that some changes happen quickly and some happen slowly and some things stay the same over long periods of time.
Cause and consequence	Historians know that one event can cause another.
Similarities and differences	Historians Look for similarities and differences to understand life in the past.



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Queen Victoria
Reign 1837 - 1901



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