

**What should I already know?**

- Where Blackpool is on a map.
- When Blackpool Tower was built and who built it.
- The history of the use of Blackpool Tower.
- Comparing what Blackpool Tower was used for there to what it is used for now.

**Geography and History Skills**

- A study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality.
- A study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.
- Acknowledge contrasting evidence and opinions when discussing and debating historical issues.
- Choose the most appropriate way of communicating different historical findings.
- Explain some links and interactions between people, places and environments.
- Develop their views and attitudes to critically evaluate responses to local geographical issues.
- Compare local landmarks over a period of time to discover changes over the years.



**Year 6– Summer Term- Blackpool Piers and Pleasure Beach  
Intention: In Geography and History I will be learning to...**

**Knowledge**

- Central Pier is one of three piers in the town of Blackpool, England, and was built in 1868.
- Since the coastline is very straight and flat, the pier simply extends at right angles to the sea front, roughly level with the promenade.
- When the pier was opened on 30 May 1868, it was 503 yards in length, 131 yards of which was a landing jetty for use at low tide.
- The pier has suffered relatively little damage save for fires in 1964 and 1973 which gutted the theatre buildings.
- 2021 is the 125th anniversary of your favourite theme park.
- Blackpool Pleasure Beach is a family owned company. The Pleasure Beach, as we know it today, was founded by William George Bean who, in 1896, in conjunction with a partner, John Outhwaite, bought the forty-two acre site on which the park now stands.
- On 23 April 1896 WG Bean founded the Pleasure Beach Company. It was to be an "American style amusement park, where adults could feel like children again."
- During the war years the Pleasure Beach remained open all year round: enabling thousands of servicemen, evacuees, and the population as a whole to escape the realities of war for a short time.

**Vocabulary**

Blackpool	A seaside town in West Lancashire, northwest England
pier	A platform on pillar projecting from the shore into the sea, typically incorporating entertainment arcades and places to eat.
Amusement Park	A large outdoor area with fairground rides, shows and other entertainment/
Coastline	The land along the coast
jetty	A landing stage, or small pier, at which boats can be docked or moored.
Central Pier	One of the three piers in the town of Blackpool, England
Tourism	The commercial organisation and operation of holidays and visits to places of interest.
Originators	A person who creates or initiates something
Founders	An individual who forms and establishes a business or organisation
original	The earliest form of something, from which copies can be made.