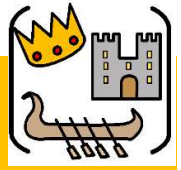


Year 1

Our School, Our Streets Knowledge Organiser

Enquiry Question: How has my school and local area changed over time (100 years)?



Key Vocabulary

Purchase: When you buy something.

Local Area: The nearby place where we live.

Impact: How much something effects something else.

Buildings: The human made places where people live or work.

High Street: A busy street normally filled with shops.

School: A place children go to learn.

Birches First School: Our school!

Shops: A place we go to buy things.

Packaging: How we wrap objects.

Food: Things we eat for energy.

Housing: The buildings humans live in.

Locality: The name of a place.



Key Questions and Facts

When was our school built and what was our school building like before?

- Our school was built in 1959.
- It is now 66 years old.
- In the past, there were no Adventure playgrounds.
- The Year 4 classroom has been demolished and rebuilt in a different space.
- We now have fences for increased safety and a new car park, which is safer for staff and visitors.

What do photographs tell us about what our school was like in the past?

- The school was much smaller in the past. Children used to be taught in the hall. We now have classrooms for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- We have more technology (computers/ Ipads/ Boards). In the past, we relied on blackboards and books.
- School registers used to be pape-based, but now are electronically recorded.

What do written sources and artefacts tell us about what our school was like in the past?

- Music was played using a piano or recorder. Nowadays, we can stream music using the internet.
- The timetable was less varied. Children had to complete mental arithmetic, formal English, Geography, History and Reading.
- Boys and girls were taught some lessons separately, like textiles and craft.

What do photographs and written sources tell us about how our local high street was like before?

- St Nics church has a tower that is centuries old and then the side building was built within the last 100 years.
- The COOP building has changed – it was in a different location (where the travel agents are).
- The old manor house has been converted into a restaurant (The Bentlands)
- The roads outside the train station have been a recent addition – it used to be a slope that children could play on.

How has our local high street changed?

- Shops have changed so that people search for their own products.
- People dressed up to go shopping whereas now people wear anything they like.
- Money has changed from using cash to bank cards and apple pay.

What was it like to shop for food years ago and how has shopping in our local area changed?

- Shop tills didn't calculate change so shop keepers had to work it out themselves.
- Due to there being no fridges or freezers, people shopped daily.
- Most goods were packaged in paper whereas now we use plastic to keep food fresh.