

Uncovering Our Local Social Studies / History with Ellie the Elephant

Become a local history detective and follow the footprints of the past!

- **Social Studies / History is the study of the past. We use primary sources, like letters or photographs from the time, to see exactly what happened in our local area.**
- **Archives are special buildings where precious documents and records are kept safe so we can learn from them years later.**
- **Changes in our local area often happen because of new transport links, like the arrival of a railway or a new road, which helps a town grow.**
- **Landmarks, such as old churches, statues, or bridges, act as physical clues that help us date how old different parts of our town are.**
- **When we study local history, we look at chronology to put events in the right order, from the earliest settlers to the modern day.**

Did you know? Did you know? Every street and building has a story! By looking at old maps and photographs, Ellie the Elephant can see how our town has changed from a quiet village into the busy place we live in today. Even a rusty key found in a garden can be an artefact that tells us how people lived long ago.

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