Exploring Our Local Area with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify and draw features of the local area and understand how places change over time.

Ellie the Elephant has a wonderful memory! She wants you to look at your local area and draw what you see today. Follow the steps below to complete your local history map.

Draw: Draw a map-style scene of your local area. Use a top-down or bird's-eye view. Include your school, a park, and a mix of houses and shops. Use bright colours for 'new' buildings and brown or grey tones for 'old' buildings to show the difference in time.

Label words: Shop · Street · Park · House · School · Old · New

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw your school in the middle of your paper. Label it using the word bank.
2. Step 2: Draw one building near your school that looks very old. Why do you think it is old?
3. Step 3: Draw a modern building or shop near your school. Label it 'New'.
4. Step 4: Label the street where your school is located.
5. Step 5: Draw a local park or green space. List two things you can do there.