

Exploring Our Local Area with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand local history by identifying features of the past and how our local area has changed over time.

Read the front of each flashcard to Ellie. See if you can answer the question or define the term before looking at the answer on the back!

What is Local Social Studies / History?

Local history is the study of the history of the place where you live, including the people, buildings, and events from the past.

What does the word 'Past' mean?

The past describes things that happened before today, such as yesterday, last year, or a long time ago.

What does 'Present' mean?

The present is what is happening right now, today.

What is a 'Timeline'?

A timeline is a special line that shows the order in which events happened, from the oldest to the newest.

Why do we look at old photographs of our town?

Old photographs are pieces of evidence that show us how our streets and buildings looked differently a long time ago.

What is a 'Building' from the past?

A building from the past is a house, shop, or school that has been standing for a long time, sometimes over 100 years.

If a shop used to be a bakery but is now a library, what has happened?

This is called 'change'. The use of the building has changed over time.

How did people travel around our area a long time ago?

A long time ago, people might have used horses and carts or old steam trains instead of modern cars and buses.

What is a 'Memory'?

A memory is something that a person remembers from their own life in the past. Older people can share these with us.

What is 'Evidence'?

Evidence is something we can see or touch, like an old map, a photograph, or a building, that helps us learn what the past was like.

Who is a good person to ask about how our town has changed?

An older relative or a neighbour who has lived in the area for a very long time.

What can we find in our local area that shows us history?

We can find old statues, plaques on walls, historic buildings, or even old street signs.