

Discovering Our Local Social Studies / History

Explore your street and be a history detective with Ellie the Elephant!

- **Social Studies / History is the study of people and events from the past. We use clues like old maps and photographs to learn what life was like long ago.**
- **Local history looks at how our own town or village has changed. We look at houses, shops, and roads to see how they looked in the past.**
- **An artifact is an object from the past. It might be an old coin, a tool, or a piece of pottery found in the ground.**
- **Many towns change because of new jobs or transport. A town that once had a small train station might have grown into a big city later on.**
- **Talking to older people in our community is a great way to learn history. They can tell us stories about what it was like to go to school years ago.**

Did you know? Did you know? You can find history right under your feet! Old buildings, street names, and even local park names often tell us stories about what happened in our town hundreds of years ago.

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