

# History Knowledge Organiser **Brilliant Buildings and Lovely Landscapes**

**Year 5**

## Our learning

In our history lessons this term we are learning about one of the famous buildings (Eastbourne Pier) near to where we live, and the **connections** it has with the local area. We will consider some of the **similarities and differences** between the time period it was built in and the modern day. We will learn about why it was built and look at how the building has been used as a venue for different events as well as its role for the military during the second World War.



Eastbourne Pier soon after it opened

## Information

During the Industrial revolution and in Victorian times Eastbourne started to develop into a seaside resort. In order to help make Eastbourne an interesting destination to visit, new amenities and facilities began to be built.

In 1870 the pier, designed by Eugenius Birch, was opened to let people enjoy relaxing walks 'out to sea'.

Over time, many activities have taken place on the pier including boat rides, theatre shows, camera obscura visits and dances.

During World War 2, machine guns were installed in the theatre at the end of the pier to help the war effort..

The pier has survived a hurricane and major fires.

The pier today has gift shops, bars, restaurants and amusement arcades, as well as deckchairs to sit on to enjoy the sea view.

Eastbourne Pier is a listed building.

## Vocabulary

**Decade**— A period of ten years.

**Camera Obscura**— a dark room with a small hole in one wall which enables an image to be projected.

**Century**— a period of a hundred years

**Architecture**— the practice of designing buildings

**Architect**— a person who designs buildings

**Design**— a plan or drawing of something before it is made

**Victorian** — The period of time when Queen Victoria was on the throne (1837-1901)

**Economy** -how a country or place is doing in producing and making goods or services and how much money it has

**Listed building**— a building that has national or historical importance and needs to be protected.

## Important Dates

1870— Eastbourne Pier was opened.

1899— A new theatre, bar and camera obscura was opened.

1925— A new music pavilion was built which included a ballroom for dances.

During World War 2 Machine guns were installed on the pier.

1987— The pier was badly damaged by a hurricane.

2014— A huge fire ripped through the pier causing much damage.



Eastbourne pier today

