

# St Bernard's Catholic Primary School- History & Geography

Topic: Preston Docklands

Year 2

Strand- Local History  
- Geographical skills and fieldwork

## What should I already know?

- I live in Lea which is a town in the City of Preston in the County of Lancashire.
- There is a large expanse of water near where we live.
- To read grid references and find places on a map.

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Bronze Age-</b> River Ribble is used for transport.	<b>1948-</b> Preston dock was the first to introduce roll on and roll off ferries.
	<b>1806-</b> Rapid expansion of the cotton industry provides impetus for the development of the Docks.	<b>1976-</b> The dockers go on strike in 1976 and the news that Preston Docklands may close is first heard.
	<b>1883-</b> construction for the present dock began.	<b>1981-</b> Preston Docklands Port formally closed on the 31st October 1981.
	<b>1892-</b> Prince Albert opened Preston Docks.	<b>1987-</b> Morrison opened on the Docklands on the 9th July 1987.
	<b>1900-</b> By 1900 the docks had a variety of warehouses, a hospital and was unloading over 170 vessels.	<b>2005-</b> The Steam Railway opened its doors to transport passengers along the preserved docklands line on 17th September 2005.

## How is this relevant today?

- Many of the children's ancestors will have worked on the Docklands in different forms and therefore it is great for them to get an understanding of the people who came before us and why their work was necessary for us and our life today.
- It is also relevant to their understanding as without the docks the children wouldn't have access to the Docklands today even though the usage has now changed.

## Vocabulary

- **Bird's Eye View-** a general view from above.
- **Import-** bringing goods or services into a country for sale.
- **Export-** sending goods or services to a country for sale.
- **River Ribble-** River flowing through Lancashire to the Irish Sea.
- **Development-** creating a positive change or growth
- **Expansion-** action of becoming larger.
- **Regeneration-** action of improving a place or system.
- **Docks-** an enclosed area of water for ships to load or unload.

## Historical & Geographical Skills and Enquiry

- Describe what life was like for workers of at Preston Docks.
- Ask questions and find out the answers about how Preston used to be.
- Explain how Preston Docks changed over the period.
- Place events on a timeline using dates.
- Compare Docklands in 1948 to now.
- Discuss what and how imports were made into the docks.

- Understand the advantages of a 'Birds Eye View' and sketch a bird's eye view of how the docks were.
- Study iconic photos of the docklands and use sketching skills to complete.
- Understand the importance of the River Ribble in the life of Preston Docks.
- Describe why the Docks were built and with what sources.
  - Use maps to locate places and features of land fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies.

