


Year 2 Knowledge Organiser: Beachcombers

VOCABULARY	
Beach	An area of sand or shingle between the sea or ocean and the land.
Cliff	A high area of rock with a straight side.
Coast	The land near the sea.
Island	A piece of land with water all around it.
Headland	An area of cliff that extends into the sea or ocean.
Sea	A large area of saltwater. Seas cover large parts of the earth.
Habitat	A place where plants and animals live. Logs or piles of stones are micro-habitats.
Rockpool	A pool filled with seawater on a rocky seashore.
Algae	A simple, plant-like living thing that grows in or near water.
Seaweed	A plant-like algae that grows under the sea.
Lighthouse	A tall building or other structure containing a beacon light to warn or guide ships at sea.
Shipwreck	The destruction of a ship at sea by sinking or breaking up, for example in a storm or after striking a rock.
Rescue	Save (e.g. someone) from a dangerous or difficult situation.
Heroine	A woman admired for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities.

KEY FACTS
The word holiday comes from the words 'holy day' because a long time ago holidays were based around religious festivals.
A long time ago, only rich people went to the seaside because there were no planes, trains or cars to get anyone there. They had to use horse and carriages which were very expensive.
Rich people started visiting the seaside about 200 years ago.
Seaside holidays became possible for many people about 150 years ago when steam trains were invented.
In the past, before planes were invented, if people went on holiday they would stay within the UK, often heading to the beach resorts e.g. Blackpool, Southport, Bournemouth.


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Physical features

The United Kingdom is an island with a long, varied coastline. A physical feature is a feature that has occurred naturally. There are many physical features along the coastline, such as arches, caves, stacks and islands. Rain, wind and waves can change the shape of the coastline and physical features over time.

An **arch** forms when the rock of a headland is worn away by the sea.



A **stack** is formed when an arch collapses. It is a column that stands on its own in the sea.



A **cave** is a large hole in the side of a cliff that forms when waves wash away the rock.



An **island** is formed when land breaks away from a continent or volcanoes form under the sea and rise out of the water.



Habitats

There are many habitats at the coast. A habitat is the place where a plant or animal lives and has everything it needs to survive, including air, food, water and shelter. Coastal habitats include cliffs, beaches, sand dunes and marshes.



cliff



beach



sand dune



marsh

Microhabitats

There are also many microhabitats at the coast. A microhabitat is a smaller habitat found within a larger habitat. Microhabitats include rock pools and under rocks or driftwood.



rocks



driftwood

Grace Darling 1815 - 1842



She was a lighthouse keeper's daughter who saved 9 men when their ship sank in 1838.

Boats and lighthouses have changed over time.



Grace Darling, painted by Thomas Brooks.

In the past, women were viewed differently to men. Grace Darling became famous for her heroic actions.