

## What was Wirral like?

### Hilbre Islands Key Knowledge

- Located at the mouth of the Dee Estuary, the border between England and Wales.
- A location where you can spot rare or endangered wildlife.
- The islands - Little Eye, Middle Eye and Hilbre are classed as an archipelago: three islands.
- It can be reached on foot from the mainland.
- The Hilbre Islands are an important stopping off point for the twice-yearly migration of birds along the west coast of Britain.
- The summer months provide an opportunity to see Grey Seals swimming just off shore.
- There are no shops, public toilets or any fresh water on the island, and very little shelter.
- There are no permanent residents.
- In 1692, a small factory was set up to refine salt.



### Hoylake Key Knowledge

- Hoylake is a seaside town, located at the north-western corner of the Wirral Peninsular.
- The Royal Hotel was built in 1792 to develop the area as a holiday resort.
- Hoylake is a residential area.
- Hoylake has a permanent lifeboat station manned by the RNLI.
- The name Hoylake was taken from Hoyle Lake, a channel of water between Hilbre Island and Dove Point.
- Two lighthouses were built in 1763. Both were rebuilt a century later. The upper lighthouse last shone in 1922. The lower lighthouse last shone in 1908 and was demolished in 1922.
- Hoylake had a public swimming baths, but it was closed in 1981.



### Parkgate Key Knowledge

- Parkgate is a village on the Wirral Peninsular, located on the coastline of the River Dee.
- A sandstone wall can be seen, this was once the former sea wall.
- Parkgate was an important port in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.
- The River Dee silted up and eventually Parkgate became unusable as a port.
- In the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, Parkgate was as popular as a seaside resort with bathers. Parkgate became a conservation area in 1973.



### Royden Park Key Knowledge

- Royden Park is a park in Frankby, Wirral.
- In the park there is a large lake called Roodee Mere, a miniature railway, a walled garden and the old coach house.
- The grounds of the park were originally owned by Ernest Royden.
- In the 1870s, Ernest Royden moved his own house brick by brick to Royden Park - today this house is called Hill Bark.
- Royden Park is popular for walks to see the countryside and wildlife of Wirral, it opened to the public in 1960.



### New Brighton Key Knowledge

- History of smuggling - secret underground tunnels are still rumoured to exist.
- A new pier was opened in 1867 and the prom from Seacombe to New Brighton was completed by 1901.
- The New Brighton Tower was opened in 1900, but it closed in 1919 as it wasn't looking good after WW1.
- An open-air swimming pool opened in 1934.
- The Wirral Show was a tourist attraction that was on open ground in New Brighton for 33 Years, 2009 was the last one.



### Port Sunlight Key Knowledge

- William Hesketh Lever built the model village 'Port Sunlight' for those who worked in his soap factory.
- Port Sunlight was named after the soap 'Sunlight', which was made in the factory there.
- The 800 houses are all different and you cannot see the back of any of the houses.
- Each block of houses has a different coloured front door.
- Port Sunlight used to have an open-air swimming pool.



## Previous Learning

- Recognising and developing an understanding of growth and changes overtime.
- Labelling places on a map of Britain.
- Recognising landmarks and key features of areas.
- Naming the 5 oceans in the world and the 4 seas surrounding the UK.

## Vocabulary Dozen

estuary	An area of water with one or more rivers flowing into it
mouth	A place where a river enters a lake, a larger lake or the ocean is called the mouth.
endangered	A type of organism that is threatened by extinction.
archipelago	A group of islands closely scattered in an area of water.
migration	The movement of people or animals from one place to another.
mainland	Part of main land - not off shore.
tide	Tides go in and out due to a change in sea level because of the moon and sun.
population	The number of people or animals in a certain area.
regeneration	Improving an area to make it better - new houses, new shops, new facilities.
smuggling	Transporting items illegally across a border - often done as a secret.
port	A docking place for ships on the coast of the ocean, a river or a lake to unload cargo.
village	A small settlement usually found in a rural setting.

## Ideas to think about...

- Which of these places have you visited with your friends or family?



- Would you like to be able to go swimming in an open-air swimming baths?
- Would you like to live on Hilbre Island? What would be the good points?