



How did Lord Lever shape our local area?

HISTORY
Year 3
Summer Term

Overview

William Lever was born in 1851 and when he was 16 he joined his family business. In 1884 he decided on one product to focus on – Sunlight Soap! Two years later he decided to manufacture soap himself. At first, he produced soap in a factory but by 1888 he outgrew the site and moved to a larger building. He then built a village of houses for his workers to live in and named it Port Sunlight after his most successful brand of soap. In this unit, we will learn about the changes Lord Lever made in the area in which he worked and lived.



Topic Vocabulary

architect - a person who designs buildings

Edwardian - person who lived during the reign of King Edward VII

factory - a building where goods are manufactured or assembled

locality - an area or neighbourhood

Lord Lever - a businessman who made and sold soap

manufacture - to make something on a large scale using machinery

Philanthropist - a person who seeks to encourage the well-being of others

Sunlight Soap - the name of the soap Lord Lever manufactured

Victorian - a person who lived during reign of Queen Victoria

Knowledge & Understanding

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Describe aspects of history significant to their locality.
- Identify historically significant people and events.
- Describe some of the ways the past can be represented.
- Understand that the past can be divided into different periods of time.
- Communicate ideas about the past using different genres of writing.

History skills

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Use some dates and historical terms when ordering events.
- Use sources as evidence when answering questions about the past.
- Use sources to identify different ways in which the past is represented.

Home – school link project

During this topic, pupils can choose to:

- Create an advert for Sunlight Soap.
- Draw a map of what Port Sunlight was like in 1938.
- Write a fact file about Lord Lever.
- Write instructions on how the Edwardians washed their clothes and what they used.
- Write a diary from the point of view from a factory worker.

Working Historically

AD (Anno Domini) – after Jesus was born

artefact – an object made by a human being, typically of historical interest

BC (Before Christ) – before Jesus was born

chronology – in time order

historical evidence – a piece of information that can help us understand the past

research – to investigate the reasons why something happened in the past

source - a book, document or object used to provide historical evidence in research

timeline – a list of important events arranged in order of when they happened