

History

As a **history detective** you will have discovered some historical buildings and key features in your local area. Some of the buildings and homes in your local area were built over 100 years ago. The landscape was different and gradually over time more roads, buildings and houses were built.

When do you think our school was built?



Just standing at the front of the school and looking at the way it has been built gives us a lot of information about the past. This is a primary source which means it gives you first-hand, or 'eyewitness', information about things that happened in the past because you are there! If you walk past school have a look at the way it has been built. (Windows, stonework, mullions, tall chimneys etc) Have you seen any other buildings in your area with similar features? When do you think the school was built? Why do you think it was built there?

You may have also noticed some mills and factories on your walk. Some of these are empty, derelict or crumbling down. These mills are also primary sources which will help you find out more about the history of your local area as they were built many years ago.

Why do you think mills were built in your local area? What did they produce in these mills? Who worked in these mills? When were they built? Who owned these sites? Why are they no longer used?



You could search for information using google or speak to family member.

Here is some information to get you started!

During the 18th and 19th century huge mills were built to produce cotton and woollen cloth around England. Many were built in the Colne Valley too! Have a look at the images of some of the mills in Huddersfield and see if you can spot any from your local area.

<https://www.examiner.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/gallery/mill-memories-take-look-huddersfields-9130628> Can you name any mills you know about in your local area?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zsdw2hv> What did mill workers do? What was life like working in a mill? Write a short description about the work conditions for workers.

What is a History Detective?

- A History Detective is somebody who looks at evidence from the past.
- History Detectives want to learn about the past from the clues other people leave behind.

