By identifying local features and landmarks of the town, the children will be able to use this knowledge when looking at the town in the past. This is also a suitable starting point to establish some of the aspects of the local area that the children may have either seen and not understood or have just never noticed before. This will then help with the next part of comparing then and now as they should be able to identify these features easier. It is also important for them to understand that places can change over time and the reasons for those changes.

By understanding what Redruth was like in the past, the children will begin to identify why certain elements are still there today and why it is the way that it is. By looking at when Redruth became a town, the children will be able to start placing Redruth’s history into context against other periods of history. This will also be something that can be revisited in future topics. Then looking at what made it a town will establish the significance of the town and the area, the causes of it and whether these are still seen or felt today. Finally, looking at what the town looked like previously will help the children to see what has changed and what has stayed the same and begin to establish why that might be.