By identifying local features and landmarks of the seaside now using Portreath and Porthtowan as our focus, the children will be able to use this knowledge when looking at the seaside 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 the seaside was like in the past, the children will begin to identify why certain elements are still there today and how it has changed. By looking at when the purpose of the seaside changed, the children will begin to place Redruth’s seaside history into context against other periods of history. This can be revisited in future topics such as the Ocean Explorers topic in Year 2. Then by looking at the decline in mining/fishing and the rise in popularity of seaside holiday it will establish the significance of the town and the area, the causes of it and how this impacts the seaside today. Finally, looking at what the seaside 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.