

Willow Tree Academy Y6 - How has the coastline shaped Britain?

Key Locations



- ★ Rotherham, South Yorkshire
- ★ Bamburgh/Lindisfarne, Northumberland: the home of both Grace Darling and St Cuthbert.
- ★ Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire
- ★ Zennor, Cornwall: the setting for Michael Morpurgo's novel The Giant's Necklace.
- ★ Norwich, Norfolk: the setting for Marcus Sedgwick's novel Floodland.
- ★ Blackpool, Lancashire
- ★ Holderness, East Riding of Yorkshire: the fastest eroding coastline in Europe.

Core Knowledge

The coastline can be beautiful and has inspired countless writers, artist and musicians.

The coastline can be dangerous and must be treated with caution and respect.

The British coastline is home to a wide range of living organisms which can be categorised according to their various characteristics.

The natural process of erosion is continuously changing the shape of our coastline.

Through their actions, humans can slow down or speed up the erosion of the coastline.

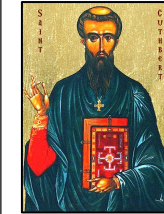
Lighthouses have been used on the British coast for thousands of years to warn passing ships. Over time, lighthouse keepers have been replaced by computers.

Tourism can have both positive and negative impacts on coastal areas. Our actions and choices as visitors to the coast can contribute to those impacts.

Key People

Grace Darling (1815 - 1842)

Grace Darling was the daughter of a lighthouse keeper. She is one of the Victorian era's most celebrated heroines after her part in a daring sea rescue.



St Cuthbert (c. 634 - 687)

St Cuthbert was an Anglo-Saxon saint who helped to establish Christianity in England. He was based in the monastery on Lindisfarne.

Key Vocabulary

Classification - the organisation of animals and plants into groups according to their similarities

Coastal Erosion - the wearing away of the land by the sea due to the action of waves, currents or other impacts.

Coastal Management - the protection of the coast from erosion, often using coastal defences.

Human Geography - the branch of geography dealing with how human activity affects or is influenced by the earth's surface.

Monastery - a building or buildings occupied by a group of monks living under religious vows.

Physical Geography - the branch of geography dealing with natural features, such as climate zones, rivers, and the features caused by erosion.

Seascape - a work of art that depicts a view of the sea.

Coastal Erosion

