

KS1 Summer Knowledge Mat - The Local Area

Subject Specific Vocabulary

demolished

Knocked down/destroyed completely.

bridge

A structure built over something (a road, water, railway) so people can cross.

structure

Something made from different parts.

transporter bridge

A bridge with a suspended moving platform, used to move vehicles across water.

island

A piece of land surrounded by water.

new town

A modern town built to allow more people to live in an area.

population

The number of people living in an area.

expressway

A wide road made for traffic to travel on quickly.

replace

To take the place of.

century

100 years

existing

Something already there.

priory

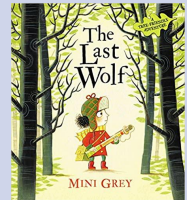
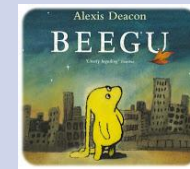
A small monastery (a place where monks live)



Interesting facts about the history of our local area

- ☐ Our school building was opened in 1981
- ☐ The old school building was in Windmill Street (off Halton Road). This was demolished to make way for the expressway.
- ☐ The Old Transporter bridge was built to cross the River Mersey. It was completed in 1905. It was Britain's first transporter bridge and the largest of its type ever built in the world,
- ☐ The Silver Jubilee Bridge was opened in 1961 and replaced the Old Transporter (which was then demolished).
- ☐ The Mersey Gateway Bridge was opened in October 2017.
- ☐ Runcorn Shopping City was opened in July 1972 by Queen Elizabeth II.
- ☐ The Silver Jubilee bridge closed in 2017 and reopened in 2021, with a new bike path.
- ☐ A 'new town' was built to the east of the existing town in the 1960s and 70s. This resulted in the population of Runcorn more than doubling.

Exciting Books



Places of interest

- Norton Priory
- Halton Castle
- Catalyst Museum
- Spike Island
- Wigg Island