

## **Learning Theme Title: Local History**

### **Overview**

The focus of this theme will be learning how the local area changed during the Victorian era, due to the industrial revolution. Children will go on a local history walk to spot historic features (such as Flemish brick bonding) and compare it with old photographs. They will use historic maps and information from Richmond museum to help answer 'When was this area [Westfields] built?' and 'How did land use change over time?'. They will use primary and secondary sources to investigate the main cause of these changes, exploring these ideas through role play, and will discover the significance of the railway that was built through the area.

### **Content**

- Victoria reigned from 1837 – 1901 AD
- The industrial revolution (the era of rapid change and growth in industry and manufacturing beginning in the late 1700s)
- Invention of the steam train, railways and Brunel
- Urbanisation and vast migration from the country during this time
- The change of land use from market gardening / orchards in Westfields, to the railway line, terraced housing, local businesses, schools and churches in the Victorian Era.

### **Key areas of learning (knowledge and skills)**

- Developing children's understanding of the history of these islands
- Developing an understanding of historical chronology and historical perspective
- Enhancing understanding of historical concepts: change and continuity; similarity and difference; cause and consequence and social history
- Plotting key areas of interest on a local map to plan field work
- Inferring land use from historic maps
- Using primary and secondary sources to identify changes over time and drawing conclusions as to the reasons for the identified changes.