

History Knowledge Organiser Brilliant Buildings and Lovely Landscapes

Year 5

Our learning

In our history lessons this term we are learning about one of the famous buildings near to where we live, Reigate Fort and the **connections** it has with the local area. We will consider some of the **similarities and differences** between the time period it was built in and the modern day. We will learn about why it was built and look at how the building has been used as a strategic post for the military during the World Wars as well as a cultural site in the community.

Information

Reigate Fort was built in 1898 on top of Reigate Hill. It was part of a chain of forts built to defend London from a possible invasion by France.

The fort was designed to store tools, equipment and ammunition for soldiers. If an enemy army invaded, soldiers could quickly dig trenches and prepare to defend the area.

Reigate Fort had strong gates and several buildings inside. These included stores for tools such as spades, pickaxes, saws and barbed wire that could be used to build defences.

By 1907 the fort was no longer needed for defence and it was closed. During the First World War it was used to store ammunition, and in the Second World War it may have been used as a communications post.

Vocabulary

Constructed– make or build something

Decade– a period of ten years

Century– a period of a hundred years

Architecture– the practice of designing buildings

Architect– a person who designs buildings

Design– a plan or drawing of something before it is made

Economy -how a country or place is doing in producing and making goods or services and how much money it has

Listed building– a building that has national or historical importance and needs to be protected.

Military– buildings or structures that are designed for soldiers and defence, such as forts, bunkers, walls or

Reigate Fort



Important Dates

1898 – Reigate Fort was built on Reigate Hill to help defend London.

1907 – The fort was no longer needed and it was closed.

1914–1918 – During the First World War the fort was used to store equipment and ammunition.

1939–1945 – During the Second World War it was used again by the army, possibly as a communications post.

1972 – The fort became a protected historic site.

Military Style

