# What was life like before the internet?





History is all around us, in our own families and communities, in the living memories and the experiences of older people. We have only to ask them and they can tell us enough stories to fill a library of books. This kind of history – that we all gather as we go through life – is called ORAL HISTORY

Everyone has a story to tell about their life which is unique to them. Some people have been involved in momentous historical events like the Second World War, but many others haven't. Regardless of age or importance we all have interesting experiences to share.

The competition this term is for you to talk to (interview) relatives or older friends of the family about what life was like for them in the past before the internet. What was life like growing up in an age before the internet, mobile phones, 4HD Smart televisions, satellite TV, tablets, PS4s and Xboxes?

## Entries can be written or presented in a variety of ways:

- A list of interview questions and answers.
- A colourful poster
- A magazine type article
- A Then and Now photo album
- A powerpoint to be shared with the class.
- An audio file

### **Competition Guidelines:**

- Evidence that an interview has taken place with a relative or friend
- Maximum size for posters approx. A3 (30cm x 42cm)
- A quotation from the interviewed person to be included somewhere in the entry.
- Please remember to include your name and class
- Entries can be submitted to your class teacher at any time up to and including Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Your teachers will support you in class by explaining the competition and discussing the meaning and importance of oral history to historians. Further information on how to conduct a successful interview can be found at:

### https://www.ohs.org.uk/advice/getting-started/

The ideas are down to you!

The competition will be judged and awards given before the Easter holiday. Successful entries will also be included in the summer edition of Red Jumpers

### **Steps to Success**

- Show that you have made an *effort* with your interviews, writing and presentations
- Be a good listener!

### Good luck!