

# Grace Darling Year 2 Summer 1



## Key Facts

**Why did Grace become famous?** In the middle of a storm Grace and her father William used a small, wooden boat with no engine to rescue people from a shipwreck.

**How did Grace Darling change the RNLI?** Grace was the first woman to get a medal from the RNLI. Queen Victoria wrote a letter and gave a reward to Grace Darling, so Grace Darling became famous. After hearing about Grace Darling, Victorian people started to realise how important lifeboats are for rescuing people in danger at sea.

**How did Grace help to improve women's lives in Victorian times?** As you already know from our Victorians topic, Victorian people thought women couldn't do heroic things (like rescuing people from dangerous situations). People thought women should have children, cook, sew and clean. Grace Darling's strength and bravery helped to change this. People started to learn that women could be strong and brave just like men could.



## Key Vocabulary

<b>Grace Darling</b>	A young girl who rescued people from a shipwreck in a terrible storm.
<b>William Darling</b>	Grace Darling's father. He helped to rescue the people from the shipwreck.
<b>Lighthouse</b>	A tall tower that has a powerful light at the top to warn ships or boats about nearby rocks or land.
<b>Longstone Lighthouse</b>	The lighthouse where Grace lived with her family.
<b>Coble boat</b>	A small, wooden boat with no engine or roof.
<b>Oars</b>	A long piece of wood with a flat bit at the end. You row with them to make a boat with no engine move.
<b>The Forfarshire</b>	The name of the ship that crashed into Big Harcar Rock.
<b>Paddle steamer</b>	A ship powered by a steam engine (a little bit like a ship version of Thomas the Tank Engine).
<b>Shipwreck</b>	A ship that is broken and might have sunk, for example sailing into rocks.
<b>Rescue</b>	Saving a person or people from something dangerous.
<b>Survivors</b>	People who are still alive after something dangerous has happened to them e.g. their ship has sunk.
<b>Lifeboat</b>	Special boats that go to rescue people in danger in the sea and sometimes in rivers.
<b>RNLI</b>	The charity that is in charge of lifeboats. They rescue people when they are in danger at sea or in big rivers.
<b>Charity</b>	A group of people that work together to help others, for example by using lifeboat to rescue people in danger at sea or in big rivers.
<b>Heroine</b>	A hero that is a lady.