

The Flourish Federation—Knowledge Organiser

Brookfield Infant and Junior Schools



Focus: *History*

Changes within living memory: Victorians.

Year 2

Term 2

What? (Key Knowledge)

- Who was Queen Victoria?

Queen Victoria rules throughout the Victorian era. She became Queen when she was 18 in 1837 and reigned until she died in 1901. Her death ended the Victorian era.

- What were Victorian schools like?

Schools became mandatory during the Victorian era for all children. The school day would start at 9am and finish at 5pm. There were 70-80 children in a class with one teacher! Children didn't have fun lessons like now.

- What did children used to do?

Poor children would work in dangerous places like textile mills or as a chimney sweeper. Rich children would have toys to entertain themselves but nothing like our toys now.

- What was transport like?

In the beginning of the Victorian era, people would travel on steam trains and horse-drawn carriages. By the 1860s, they rode bicycles and in 1890—travel by car!

What? (Key Vocabulary)

Spelling	Definition
Victorian	The time of Queen Victoria's reign. 1837–1901.
20th Century	The 20th Century was 1900-1999.
21st Century	We are in the 21st century. It started in the year 2000 and will end in 2099.
Textile mills	A factory that made cotton and woollen clothing.
Charles Dickens	Author of Oliver Twist
Lord Shaftesbury	Made laws to protect children from working long hours in poor and dangerous conditions.
Alexander Graham Bell	Credited with inventing the telephone.
Chronological order	Events being placed in time order from oldest to newest.
mangle	A machine made of two rollers controlled by a handle, used for drying clothes.
pinafore	A sleeveless dress worn over clothes to keep them clean.
workhouse	A building where some of the poorest working classes work in return for lodgings and food.

Possible Writing Links

- Recount: Victorian Immersion Day.
- Fact file: Queen Victoria.
- Comparison piece of then and now.
- A letter as a Victorian child.
- Labelled diagrams.

Experiences/Wow Moments

- Victorians - Immersion Day.
- Time capsule in classroom—children to explore old artefacts and pictures.

When? (Timeline of Key Events)

1837	Queen Victoria became Queen at age 18. Houses of Parliament were built.
1840	First postage stamps were used. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert got married.
1841	The Great Western Railway was finished.
1842	Children under 10 could no longer work in mines.
1844—45	Children between ages 8 and 13 no longer had to work over 6.5 hours a day. Railways tracks built all over Britain.
1850s	Post-boxes were built! A man called Jacob Fussell invented ice-cream. There were now police in every town.
1860s	Prince Albert died. Children under 10 could no longer work as chimney sweeps.
1870	Schools were opened for children aged 5-10.
1880	School was compulsory for all children.
1901	Queen Victoria died.

ICT Opportunities

[Childhood through time - KS1 History - BBC Bitesize](#)

[History of toys for KS1 and KS2 children | History of toys homework help | The-SchoolRun](#)

https://downloads.bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory/victorians_games.pdf

PurpleMash—Design and create your own toy.

Cross-Curricular Links

- Maths: Children sort and classify Victorian life/ our life provided using Venn diagrams or Carroll diagrams.
- D&T: Making their own vehicle based on historical evidence.
- PE: Playing different games from then and now. Comparing what is the same/different.
- Science: Materials. Which materials were used and why? including forces. Push, pull, twist, turn.
- Art: Sketching skills to draw different interpretations of Queen Victoria.
- PSHE: How might children have felt at that time? Was it safe? Why?

Visuals



1871: Queen Victoria opened the Royal Albert Hall.



Schools in Victorian times.



1876: The telephone was invented by Alexander Bell.



First postage stamps.



Police in Victorian times.