

The Flourish Federation—Knowledge Organiser

Brookfield Infant and Junior Schools



Focus: *History*

Changes within living memory: Victorians.

Year 1

Term 2

What? (Key Knowledge)

- The Victorians were the people who lived during the reign of Queen Victoria.
- More and more factories and workhouses were built for people to work in, so towns and cities grew.
- The railways grew so people could travel faster and further.
- The poor were very poor - they worked in workhouses and factories.
- Many rich people had servants.
- There was no electricity.
- Not many people could read or write but Queen Victoria made all children go to school.
- Children were made to work in dangerous places such as in coal mines or as chimney sweeps. They worked very long hours for very little money.
- Victorians were famous for inventing. Their inventions included cameras, sewing machines and bicycles.
- Victorians made a law that meant children under 10 had to go to school.
- Queen Victoria was the second longest reigning monarch in British History.

What? (Key Vocabulary)

Spelling	Definition
reign	The time when someone is king or queen.
Factories	A building where things are made, often by machines.
Workhouses	Places where poor people, including children, would live in exchange for working. The conditions were very very bad.
Past	Something that has already happened.
Present	Something that is happening now.
Typewriter	A machine used to type letters onto paper.
Mining	Digging coal and other product from deep below the ground.
Queen Victoria	Became Queen at 18 and reigned from 1837–1901 (64 years).
Chronological	Putting events into date order.
Charles Dickens	Author of Oliver Twist
Lord Shaftesbury	Made laws to protect children from working long hours in poor and dangerous conditions.
Prince Albert	Queen Victoria's husband.

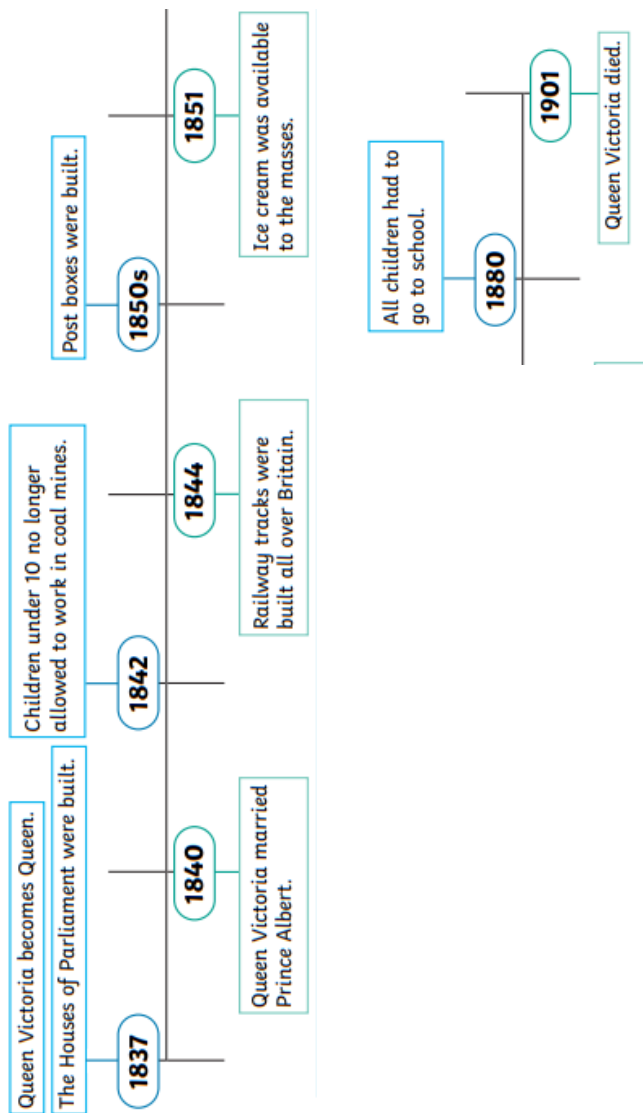
Possible Writing Links

- Recount: Victorian Immersion Day.
- Diary writing in role as a Victorian child.
- Fact file: Queen Victoria.

Experiences/Wow Moments

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

When? (Timeline of Key Events)



ICT Opportunities

[Who was Queen Victoria? - BBC Bitesize](#)

[BBC History: Day In The Life: Victorians on Vimeo](#)

[BBC - History For Kids](#)

PurpleMash—Design and create your own toy (Victorian Child)

Using BeeBots to programme Victorian children around a Victorian town.

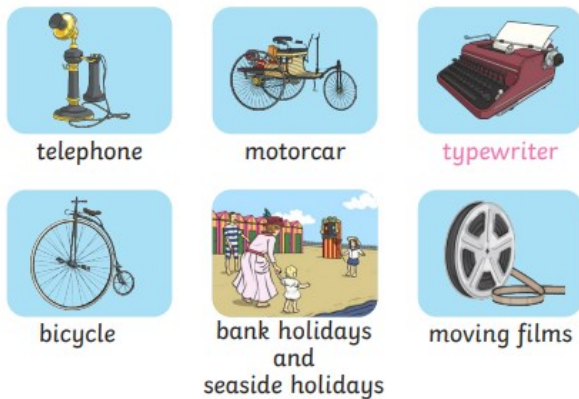


Cross-Curricular Links

- Maths: Children sort and classify photos of Victorian life and our lives.
- D&T: Design and create a Victorian vehicle.
- PE: Playground games from the past and playing games that we play now. What do children notice?
- Science: Balanced diets. Comparing children in Victorian times and their diet to ours now.
- PSHE: Playing games outdoors together.

Visuals

Victorian Inventions



Victorian Transport



Victorian Artefacts



Queen Victoria



Schools in Victorian times.