

Carr Head Primary School - Knowledge Organiser

History Topic

Changes within Living Memory : A day in the life of a Victorian Child

Year 2

Autumn Term 1

Key Knowledge

Knowledge and understanding of the past events, people and changes in the past.

The Victorian era (1837-1901)	The Victorian era describes the time during which Queen Victoria reigned in Britain (1837-1901).
Queen Victoria	Queen Victoria was only 18 years old when she became Queen and she ruled Britain for 64 years . 
Poor children	Worked long hours in factories, mills, coal mines, or as chimney sweeps. Lived in damp, dirty conditions. Many children died of disease. Most did not go to school. Toys were handmade. 
Rich children	Children did not work. Lived in big houses, often with servants. Went on holidays. Were taught at home. Had expensive toys. 
Victorian schools	Children had to pay to go to school. There could be as many as 60 - 80 children in a class. 
Teachers and lessons	Victorian teachers were very strict. Typical lessons involved the 'three R's' - Reading, wRiting and aRithmetic (maths). Sometimes pupils did 'drill' in the classroom (exercise). Children were often taught by reading and copying things down, or chanting things until they were perfect.



Key Vocabulary

Victorian	Someone who lived in the Victorian era.
past	Relating to a time that has gone by.
factory	Where something is made or assembled.
School house	A building used as a school.
blackboard	A hard smooth dark surface used for writing or drawing.
abacus	An instrument for counting by sliding counters across rods.
inkwell	Holds ink for pens

Know how to...

History Skills and Enquiry

- Recognise the difference between past and present in their own and others lives
- Find answers to simple questions about the past from sources of information e.g. artefacts, Sequence 3 or 4 artefacts from distinctly different periods of time.
- Use stories to encourage children to distinguish between fact and fiction.
- Communicate their knowledge through different media.

Timeline of Historical Events

1837  Queen Victoria became Queen at age 18.	1841  Children under 10 could no longer work in mines.	1844  Children between ages 8 and 13 no longer had to work over 6.5 hours a day.	1844 - 1845  Railway tracks were built all over Britain.	1850s  Postboxes were built.	1851  A man called Jacob Fussell invented the ice cream.	1864  Children under 10 years old could no longer work as chimney sweeps.	1870  Schools were opened for children aged 5-10.	1880  School was made compulsory for all children.	1901  Queen Victoria died.
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