



The Victorians

Fun facts:

- In 2015, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning monarch with 65 years on the throne. Before this, Queen Victoria had been the longest reigning monarch.
- More and more factories and workhouses were built for people to work in, so towns and cities grew - this was called the Industrial Revolution.
- Expansion of the **railways** meant that people could travel faster and further than ever before. Before trains, the fastest mode of transport was **horses**.
- Through invasion and colonisation, Britain became the most powerful empire in world history.
- 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 coal mines or as chimney sweeps. They worked very long hours for very little money.
- The **Salvation Army** and **Barnardo's** were established during the Victorian era. They fed the hungry in soup kitchens, and looked after the poorest children in orphanages.

Learning Journey — During this topic, we will be exploring the Victorian era which spans from 1837 to 1901. We will discuss the significant impact that the Victorians had on modern life, such as their many inventions and the changes that the Industrial Revolution brought. Children will also think comparatively about social classes and the difference between modern Britain and Victorian Britain. We will create our own Victorian toys using mechanisms and display silhouette-style portraits in Victorian-themed frames. Children will also learn to find links between our current monarch using family trees.

Need to know

Queen Victoria
invention
poor
rich
factory
past
revolution
family tree
Mary Seacole
machine
rural

Nice to know

Prince Albert
monarch
livestock
economy
wealthy
poverty
servant
impact
townhouse
disease

Super specialist

slum
migrate
sovereign
workhouse
industry
empire
Crimean War
pauper
welfare
prosperity

<u>Links to Prior Learning</u>	<u>Key Texts and Websites</u>	<u>Links to Future Learning</u>
- Chronology - Comparison skills - Knowledge of levers and linkages - Kings and Queens - Inventions	- Street Child- Berlie Doherty - Darwin's Dragons- Lindsay Galvin - The Secret Diary of Jane Pinny, Victorian House Maid- Philip Ardagh & Jamie Littler - Oliver Twist and Other Great Dickens Stories- Marcia Williams - Queen Victoria - V&A - Victorians (Eyewitness)- Ann Kramer	- The Indian Empire - Monarchy around the world - Industrial Revolution - Comparison of rich and poor

Family Fun

- Design a Victorian themed menu. Think about the types of food which they ate.
- Design and play a Victorian theme board or card game.
- Design a stamp.
- Make your very own Victoria sponge!
- Create an outdoor game that children could have played in the Victorian times.
- One of the ways children kept themselves busy was by putting on puppet shows. Can you make your own shoebox style theatre and puppets?
- Watch The Vile Victorians- Horrible Histories <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVGaumifWKE>

