

Merry Hill Infant School and Nursery - Knowledge organiser

History

Topic: **Victorian Schools**

Year Group : 1

Term: Autumn 1

Key Knowledge

What was school like in Victorian times?



Classrooms were dull and dark, there were no displays. The desks were in rows.

Most teachers were male. Children had to call teachers 'Sir', Madam or Miss. Children bowed or curtsied to their teachers.



Children wrote on slate boards with a slate pencil.

Children were punished if they didn't follow the rules. They were hit with a cane.



Key Vocabulary

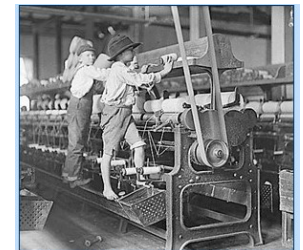
Change	Make something different.
Different	Not the same.
History	History is learning about the past.
Past	Something that happened before.
Present	Something that is happening now.
Significant	A person or thing that is important to lots of people.
Similar	When 2 things are the same.
Victorian	The time when Queen Victoria was the Queen.

What did children do if they didn't go to school?

Children from rich families were taught at home by a governess.



Children from poor families went to work. Some children worked in a factory.



Queen Victoria

- Queen Victoria was the Queen for
- Before she was the Queen lots of children went to school. School was expensive and many children had to go to work instead.
- Queen Victoria changed the rules. She said that all children had to go to school for free.



Samuel Wilderspin

- Samuel Wilderspin was a man who was like Merry Hill.
- He believed that learning should be fun.
- He thought learning outside was very important.
- He said schools should have a garden, a field and a playground.

