



St Paul's C of E Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

Name of Topic

How were children treated in the Victorian times?

Year Group

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Key Vocabulary and Spellings

1	Queen Victoria	A queen who reigned from 1837 - 1901
2	Workhouse	A place where the poor would be placed to work
3	orphan	A child with no parents to look after them
4	Factory Act	A law preventing young children having to work in factories
5	bobber	A child that worked in a cotton factory
6	Dr Barnardo	A famous Victorian
7	poverty	Having little to no possessions or money
8	Chimney sweep	A job a child may have had
9	Ragged school	A school for homeless children in the Victorian times
10	shillings	A value of money, around 12p

Top 5 Topic Facts

1	Queen Victoria reigned from 1837 until 1901.
2	To go to school would cost families and children money, meaning many children would be set to work, often in dangerous jobs.
3	Dr Barnardo and Lord Shaftesbury fought for the rights of children, wanting to see more getting an education. Ragged schools were created.
4	In 1880, all children were required by law to attend school up until the age of 10.
5	In 1891, it became free for children to go to school.



Key Investigations/Questions

1	What was life like for children who were not rich in the Victorian times?
2	How was school different in the Victorian times compared to how we know it now?
3	What did children do for fun in the Victorian times?