

Alder Coppice Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

Subject History

Year: **2**

Unit 1: The Victorians

Links to: **Photographs from History - Year 1**

What I Should Already Know:

- That photographs are used as historical sources by Historians
- What Britain was like in living memory

What I should know by the end of the Unit:

- Some of the features of Victorian Society
- Victorian Society had a class system
- Victorian childhood was very different to childhood today.
- Some of the jobs Victorian children had to do
- Some characteristic features of Victorian Schools, e.g discipline, the three R's
- Some similarities and differences of Schools *then* and *now*
- How Britain had changed by the time of Queen Victoria's death

Themes in this UNIT: Society, Monarchy, Change & Continuity, Similarity & Difference, Chronology - (Then and Now); Characteristic Features, Interpretations, and Enquiry.

Skills & Enquiry

- Find out how things change with the passing of time – then and now
- Interpret information - how we find out about the past
- Compare and contrast life in the past to now – describe people and objects

Key Knowledge:



Queen Victoria ruled Britain from 1837-1901 – 64 years! Lots of changes happened during Queen Victoria's reign, such as free education for children.

Towns and cities like Birmingham grew, with lots of people working in factories. There was a lot of poverty, and many children had to work to help feed their family instead of going to school. In 1893 the law changed and all children had to go to school. Victorian school was very strict with lots of rules. Children were given harsh punishments such as wearing a dunces' cap or even beaten with a cane! Children used chalk and blackboards. They would sit in rows and were expected to be silent!

Unit Specific Vocabulary:

abacus - a device used for counting or calculating with beads that slide along rods

arithmetic – the basic study of numbers and how to use them

Cane – a long thin piece of wood used for punishment

Chimney sweep - someone who sweeps the soot out of chimneys is called a chimney sweep

Classes - classes are groups of people based on the job they do or how much money they have

discipline - to punish in order to train or change behaviour

drill – the Victorian term for Physical Education (PE)

dunce cap – a cone-shaped cap worn in the past by school children as a punishment for slowness or laziness

Laws - are the rules of a country that all people must follow.

Mines - mines are deep holes dug in the ground to find precious materials like coal or metal

recite – repeat aloud from memory and in front of others

sampler - a piece of fabric to practise sewing and stitching

slate - a type of rock that can be made into a smooth chalkboard

Society - society is a large group of people who share the same ruler, laws and resources

Sources - sources are things from the past that historians look at to try and find out what life was like at that time

Wealthy - If you have a lot of money and own many expensive things then you are wealthy

