

The Victorians - Year 2 Autumn 2

Key Vocabulary

Queen Victoria	Our Queen in the years between 1837 and 1901.
Preston Manor	A large, posh house near Brighton where Ellen and Charles Thomas-Stanford lived with their servants.
Servant	Poor people who served rich Victorian people. For example by cleaning, cooking, serving food, gardening or welcoming visitors.
Scrubbing board	A wavy metal board used to scrub clothes on to clean them.
Washing dolly	A special piece of metal to clean clothes with. You push under soapy water and twist it.
Mangle	A machine that squeezes water out of clothes to help them dry.
Polishing	Rubbing something with a special cloth to make it shiny e.g. silver knives, forks, spoons and plates.
Seen and not heard	The Victorians believed children should be quiet, hardworking and respectful all the time so they would be seen but not heard.
Desk	Rows of tables where you sat, listened and learnt at school
Slate and chalk	A piece of flat, grey stone and a white, powdery stick used instead of whiteboard (whiteboards and pens were not invented then).
Cane	A long stick used to hit children who did not behave.
Chimney sweep	A child who climbs down chimneys and uses a big brush to clean thick black powder, called soot, off of the inside of chimneys.
Coal mine	A maze of deep, dark tunnels underground where coal is dug out of the ground.
Drawer	Children who pulled heavy carts of coal up to the top of the mine.
Puller	Children who sat in the dark and opened doors for Drawers.
Factory	A noisy, dangerous place with machines where something is made.
Cotton mill	A place where cotton is made into string using machines.
The Great Stink	In 1858, London became extremely smelly because of hot weather and all the poo and wee in the River Thames.



Key Facts

Why was it called the Victorian times?

The years in-between 1837 and 1901 are called the Victorian times because it was when Queen Victoria was our Queen.

What are some of the ways that the Victorian times changed England?

- In 1880 the law was changed so all children had to go to school. It didn't matter if you were rich or poor.
- In 1833 the law changed so children younger than 9 were not allowed to work.
- In 1866 sewers (tunnels underground) carried poo and wee away so it did not run down the streets anymore.