

# Scott Primary School—History Knowledge Organiser

Topic: The Victorians

Year 2—Spring 1



## Key Vocabulary:

Reign	A period of time that a monarch (Queen) rules over a country.
Monarch	A Monarch such as king or queen rules a kingdom or empire.
Work-house	Large buildings where poor people who had no job or home lived.
Cane	A stick of bamboo that would have been used as a punishment to children at school.
Slate and chalk	Children were given slate and chalk to write with during lessons.
Orphan	A child that does not have a parent, often they had died.

## Important Facts:

- Queen Victoria became queen when she was 18 years old in 1837.
- Only children from rich families went to school.
- Poor children or orphans had to go to work.
- Children learnt the **3 Rs - Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.**
- Boys and girls were taught separately and had certain jobs like sewing for girls and woodwork for boys.
- Children write with slate and chalk.
- Schools had severe punishments like the cane.
- Living conditions were very different for example toilets were outside for poor people.
- Very poor families had to live and work in the workhouse.
- Queen Victoria made education free for all children in 1891.



## Previous Knowledge

- Toys from the past - Victorian Toys
- Transport through time—trains, horse and cart, boat
- The Great Fire of London—Stuart period

## Timeline:

20th June 1837

Queen Victoria began her reign at age 18.

1870

The Education Act all children from age 5-10 can go to school.

1878

Factories and workshops act banned employment of children under 10.

1891

Education was made free and compulsory for all children.

22nd January 1901

The end of the Victorian period. Queen Victoria died.

