

Life was tough for Victorian children. How did they entertain themselves?

STICKY KNOWLEDGE FOR SCIENCE

1. Materials can be changed by physical force (twisting, bending, squashing and stretching)
2. Know that materials can have useful properties for a given job (including being waterproof, strong, hard, soft, flexible, rigid, light or heavy)
3. Know that many types of plastic are waterproof.
4. Wood is used to make furniture because it is a hard and a strong material.
5. Metal can be used to make coins, cans, cars and cutlery.
6. Glass is used to make windows because it is transparent.
7. Some objects can be made from a range of different materials for example a spoon could be made from metal or plastic.
8. Some materials are not suitable due to their properties, for example paper would not make a good window.

STICKY KNOWLEDGE FOR HISTORY

1. Queen Victoria was Queen of Great Britain from 1837 - 1901
2. In a Victorian classroom, there could be up to 80 children
3. Victorian teachers were very strict and used harsh punishments
4. In the past, to learn, children copied from the board onto slates in silence all day
5. There were limited resources or equipment in classrooms of the past
6. Before the Victorian era, most of Britain's population couldn't read or write and had limited access to education
7. Instead, Victorian children were expected to work in conditions that were dangerous
8. Many children worked in factories, coal mines and as chimney sweeps because they could get into small places
9. Queen Victoria believed that education should be for all, and by the end of her reign, going to school became compulsory for all children, rich or poor - it became law in 1880
10. Children played games like hoop rolling, marbles, skipping, tug-of-war, hopscotch at play times, before and after school

ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY

abacus	a device used for counting and calculating by sliding small balls or beads along rods or in grooves.	orphan	A child whose parents have passed away
Chimney sweep	a person whose job is cleaning out the soot from chimneys.	peg dolls	Dolls made out of wooden pegs during a time when people had little or no money
workhouse	a building where very poor people in Britain used to work, in the past, in exchange for food and shelter	Tiddlywinks	a game in which small plastic counters are flicked into a central receptacle by being pressed on the edge with a larger counter.
compulsory	required to do something by law	Servant	a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties
Class system	a system in which society places someone into depending on their family	pauper	a very poor person

COMPUTING

Creating media -
Digital Photography

MUSIC

Music:
Music Express:
Storytime, Our bodies

PSHE

SCARF Scheme:
Valuing difference

PE

Movement Skills -
chasing & evading
Ball Skills - Invasion

RE

KAPOW RE: What do
candles mean to
people?

CORE TEXT

Writing to entertain

MATHS

Addition and
subtraction/shape

ART/DT

Kites



HOOK

Re-enactment of a
Victorian school day

END PRODUCT

Kite festival - parents
invited