

Autumn 1 History: The Victorians

What can I remember?

- Can you remember who invented the first teddy bear?
- Can you remember what year the first teddy bear was invented in? 1872, 1902 or 1052

Fascinating facts 1

The Victorians lived over one hundred and fifty years ago during the reign of Queen Victoria (1837 to 1901).



They lived a very different life to us today!

Key Vocabulary

Artefacts – an object made by a human being, typically one of cultural or historical interest.

Wash Tub– The Victorians did their laundry by hand in a washtub made of wood slats.

Lantern – There was no electricity in Victorian times, Victorians had to use candlelight and oil lanterns!

Tin Bath – Not all Victorians were lucky enough to have a bath, but those that did, had a tin one.

Water Pump – There was no running water! Victorians would have to source their water using a water pump which was often polluted!

Flat Iron – A flat iron was used to press clothing. This had to be heated up on the fire.

Prompts for Parents

- ✓ Can you make a toy that used to be around in the Victorian times?
- ✓ Can you design an outfit for a Victorian child? Think about if you would like it to be for a rich or poor family.
- ✓ Can you go onto the internet and find another interesting fact about Victorians?

Fascinating facts 2

It wasn't until the Victorian era that schools were improved considerably and were available for all children rich and poor to attend.



In 1870 a law was passed which made it mandatory for all children aged between 5-10 in Britain to attend school.

Fascinating facts 3



Rich Victorians were well fed, clean and well clothed. They did not need to go to work and lived in large houses with servants. They went on holidays and the children were extremely lucky to go to school and have expensive toys!

Fascinating facts 4



Victorian times were very hard times to live in if you did not have much money! Poor Victorian people had a lack of food, very few luxuries and worked long hours. They lived in damp, dirty conditions and sadly many children died of disease.

Fascinating facts 5

Rich Victorians were the first to go on seaside holidays – some of the places they'd go are spots where we go on holiday too, like Blackpool, Brighton and Southend. Have you been to the seaside?

Important Person

Alexander Graham Bell was an inventor and engineer who invented the first telephone in 1876.

