

# Victorians Term 2

## Sticky Knowledge

### Important topic change

As we have been enjoying exploring the Victorian era so much in our English lessons again this term, we have decided to dive deeper into our Victorian learning. Therefore, we will focus on our geography objectives next term. In history, we will look at some new historical figure and will use our enquiry skills to understand how they have impacted our lives today.

### Christmas

Several Christmas traditions that we love today are from the Victorian era after Queen Victoria's reign and heavily influenced by Prince Albert, her husband: decorating the Christmas tree, having a turkey or 'festive bird' for dinner, gift giving (this was done on Christmas eve) and Christmas pudding.

### Changes to the law

In 1880, a law was created that stated that all children between the ages of 5 and 10 had to attend school. It was compulsory, with some exceptions such as leaving to work on a farm. Parents of children who did not attend school were fined. In 1891, the Free Education Act gave schools money (10 shilling a week). This was to help poor children attend school. By 1893 the school leaving age was raised to 11 and schools were established for those with hearing and sight impairment.

### Victorian life

Thomas John Barnardo moved to London to train as a doctor. When he arrived, he was shocked to find children living in terrible conditions; they had no access to education, and many lived in poverty. A cholera epidemic killed 3000 people and many orphaned children; Barnardo felt an urgent need to help. In 1867, he set up a 'ragged schools'. He later went on to set up the first home for boys and later created Barnardo's girls' village. Barnardo's legacy lives on today through the Barnardo charity.

### Important Victorian people



Thomas John Barnardo  
1845 - 1905



Octavia Hill  
1838 - 1912



John Pounds  
1766 - 1839



Charles Dickens  
1812 - 1870

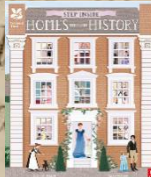


John Cadbury  
1802 - 1889

## Homework

Research what a traditional Victorian Christmas looks like? Create a decoration or game that might be seen/played in a Victorian house at Christmas and then bring your item to school by **Monday 20th December**.

## Useful Books...



## Key Vocabulary

Vocabulary	Definition
ragged school	Free schools dedicated to education of poor children
reformer	A person who tried to change a law to improve things
class	A group of people in a similar social ranking
governess	A woman employed to teach and train children
chronological	Key events in world history
sources	Use a range of sources to explore our knowledge of the past
cause and effect	The impact of Historical events or development
legacy	The long-lasting impact of particular events or actions.
eminent	famous, respected or important