

Hawthorn Class - Enriching Learning - Autumn Term 2025

The Victorians – “We are not amused!”

Maths Activities

Times Tables Rock Stars (<https://ttrockstars.com/>):

- *Single player games - Use these to increase your speed, accuracy and confidence.
- *Multiplayer games - Take on your friends, people around the world or even your teachers!
- *Tournaments - Look out for various battles against other classes throughout the term!
- Victorian Inventions Timeline: Create a timeline of Victorian inventions (telephone, steam train, light bulb, etc.). Work out how many years apart each invention was and compare the gaps.
- Victorian Train Journeys: Look at a map of Victorian railway lines. Work out how long journeys might have taken if a steam train travelled at a certain speed (e.g. 30 miles per hour).
- Victorian Wages: Find out how much money a Victorian worker might earn in a week. Work out how long it would take them to save for an item (e.g. a pair of boots or a loaf of bread) compared to today.
- Victorian Houses: Use squared paper to draw the floor plan of a Victorian home. Work out the perimeter and area of each room.
- Victorian Train Tickets: Create a list of pretend ticket prices for Victorian train journeys. Write some word problems for adding, subtracting or multiplying ticket costs.
- Victorian Shopping Trip: Create a Victorian shopping list with prices in pounds, shillings and pence. Can you convert the amounts into modern money?
- Research Kings and Queens of the past. Create a bar chart to compare the length of Queen Victoria's reign with the reigns of other Kings and Queens.
- Measure out ingredients to make a Victoria sponge or find a different Victorian recipe to follow.

English Activities:

- Diary Entry: Write a diary entry as if you were a Victorian child (rich or poor). What might your day look like?
- Victorian Character Description: Create and describe a Victorian character (e.g. a factory worker, school child, inventor). What do they look like? How do they feel?
- Victorian Debate Writing: Imagine you are in Victorian times – write a persuasive piece either for or against children working in factories.
- Victorian Mystery Story Starter: Write the opening paragraph to a mystery set on a foggy London street in Victorian times.
- Victorian Riddles: Create riddles or “Guess Who?” descriptions about famous Victorians (e.g. Florence Nightingale, Isambard Kingdom Brunel).
- Victorian Advert: Design and write a persuasive advert for a Victorian invention (like the telephone or steam train).
- Comparison Writing: Compare your own school day to that of a Victorian child. Which would you prefer? Why?
- Write an acrostic poem using the word ‘Victorians’. Can you link each letter to a fact about the Victorians?
- Read a story written in or set in the Victorian era. You could explore the life and works of the author Charles Dickens.
- Research Victorian handwriting. Can you write like a Victorian?

Topic Activities:

- Victorian Toy Making: Research toys children played with in Victorian times. Can you design or even make one using simple materials?
- Victorian Timeline: Create a timeline showing the most important events of Queen Victoria's reign.
- Victorian Fashion Show: Draw or cut out and design outfits for rich Victorians and poor Victorians. Label the materials and styles.
- Victorian Menu: Research what Victorians ate. Create a menu for a Victorian banquet and another for a poor family's dinner.
- Victorian Invention Poster: Choose an invention (e.g. the telephone, the steam engine, the typewriter) and create a poster advertising it as if it were new.
- Victorian Music: Find out about popular Victorian songs or musical instruments. Can you design a poster advertising a Victorian concert?
- Victorian Map Work: Look at a map of Britain in Victorian times (e.g. with railways). Compare it with a modern map – what's changed?

The above is a suggested list of ideas. If you would like to carry out your own project, we would be excited to see it.

Homework should be handed in every Monday.