School Days

Time words and phrases

Time Words help us to order information chronologically. The past describes a time before the present. The present describes the time now. The future describes a time that hasn't happened yet.

past	present	future
yesterday	now	next
last week	today	
last year		
a long time ago		

The Victorian Era



Queen Victoria

Queen Victorian was a very important British Queen. She ruled the United Kingdom and other countries that were part of the British Empire. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had lots of children.

Victorian people

Rich and poor Victorian people had very different lives. Poor people worked in factories or doing hard jobs. They had old clothes. They lived in small houses and some poor children did not go to school. Rich people had nice clothes and had leisure time to play games like cards or tennis. They lived in bigger houses and went on holiday to the seaside and to the theatre.

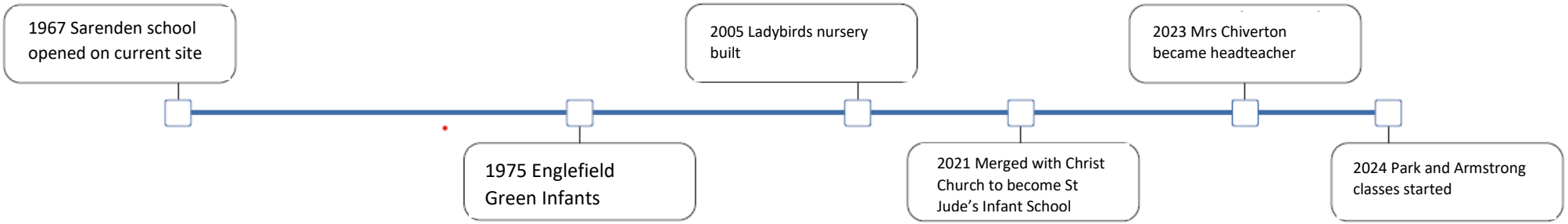
Industrial Revolution



Many new machines were invented during the Victorian era such as steam trains, new factories, electric light bulbs and the first cars

Timelines

A timeline shows information in chronological order. This timeline shows important events in the history of a school. The opening of the school is on the left-hand side because it happened first. The present day is on the right-hand side because it shows the most recent events.



Victorian Schools

Lessons

Victorian children learned reading, writing and arithmetic (maths). These were called the 3Rs. Boys and girls had different lessons. Boys learned woodwork and girls learned sewing.



Classrooms

Classes could hold 70 to 80 children. Boys and girls sat separately in rows. The teacher wrote on a blackboard. Children wrote on slates with pencils.



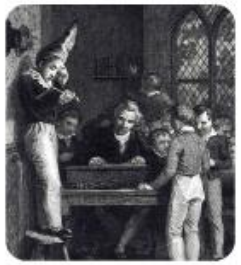
Teachers

Teachers were very strict. Children had to behave, be clean and tidy and work hard or they could be punished.



Punishments

Teachers were allowed to hit children with a cane if they misbehaved. If they got things wrong or didn't work hard enough they had to wear the dunce's hat.



Samuel Wilderspin

Samuel Wilderspin was a significant teacher whose ideas changed infant education. He thought learning should be explained properly and that children should be happy at school and be able to play and sing. He invented the school playground.



Samuel Wilderspin (1791–1866)

Core Vocabulary

before	after	timeline	
date			
chronological	change	same	different
similar	Queen Victoria	monarch	Victorian
photograph	artefact	Invention	leisure
Industrial revolution	punishment	strict	significant
Samuel Wilderspin	impact	opinion	

What's come before?

In the Autumn term we explored artefacts and ordered photographs on a timeline. We also used first hand historical sources and learned about some changes within living memory.

In Year 1, we made timelines, used a range of second-hand historical sources and learned about the British monarchy, including Queen Victoria. We also explored ideas of significant people and change over time beyond living memory.