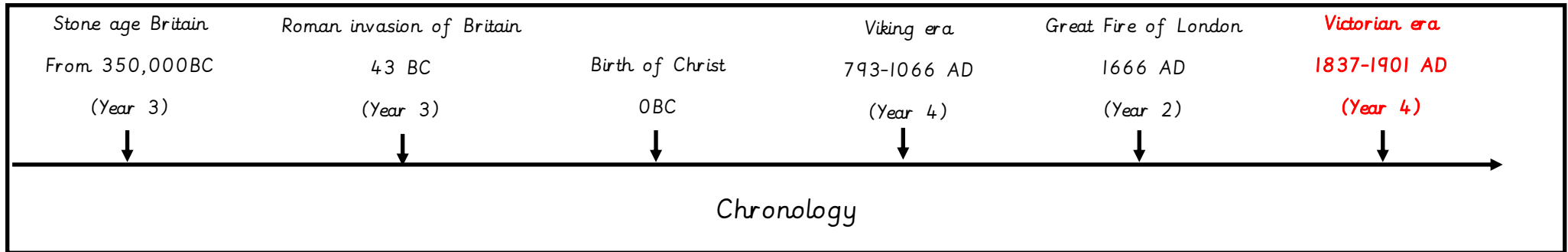


Changes to the lives of children since Victorian times

Cardaze Primary School History Knowledge Organiser

Year 4



Key vocabulary/concepts relating to chronology:
Century, decades, years, Victorians

| Key vocabulary | |
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| Commission | A group of people who investigated the conditions of life for children, especially work and school (e.g. Factory Commission) |
| Compulsory | When something must happen |
| Governess | A woman who taught rich girls and boys as a paid, live-in servant |
| Mill | A factory that makes cloth |
| Monarchy | The group of people in charge of the country, with the King or Queen as the head (monarch) |
| Poverty | When people do not have enough money to feed or clothe themselves |
| Ragged Schools | A school set up to teach poor children |
| Reign | The length of time a King or Queen rules a country |

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Key learning

Workhouses were places where poor people who had no job or home lived and worked. They earned their keep by doing jobs.

Victorian children were expected to work in many difficult jobs including chimney sweeps, down mines and in factories.

Rich Victorian children were educated at home by a Governess.

Poor children attended charity schools.

Boys and girls were educated differently.

Significant individuals:

- Queen Victoria
- Prince Albert
- Lord Shaftesbury
- Dr Barnardo

Key historical concepts:

- Change
- Similarity and difference

Legacy:

- Laws relating to the improvement of education and working conditions of children

Cross-curricular links

- Geography—British empire
- PSHE—empathy with others

Timeline of significant events:

| 1837 | 1842 | 1844 | 1850 | 1864 | 1870 | 1880 | 1891 | 1901 |
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| Queen Victorian crowned | Miners' Act—children under the age of 10 stopped from working in mines | Factory Act—Stopped children aged 8-13 working more than 6.5 hours per day | Workhouses opened | Law bans boys under 10 working as chimneys sweeps | Schools introduced for 6-10 year olds | Education Act—compulsory schooling for all children aged 5-10 | Education made free and compulsory for all children aged 5-13 | Queen Victoria dies |