

Razorbill Week 11 : Learning Project – Victorians

Online

Age Range: Y4/5

Weekly English/Topic Tasks

Monday- Watch the videos of life in a Victorian school. <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0115hdq</u> <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOmrCi-mh_k</u> Create a set of notes showing the similarities and differences.

Are many things the same? Are modern schools better?

Compare your findings and try to come up with a paragraph (or two) about why you think schools are better today when compared to the Victorian times. Next, try to create a paragraph explaining why Victorian times were better. This might be more tricky!

Tuesday- Before and during the time of the Victorians, the majority of children had to earn a living to support their families. School was not compulsory so children went to work instead. Some of their jobs were pretty bad.

Children in the Coal Mines

- Many children worked in coal mines. They were extremely dangerous places to work; roofs caved in, there were sometimes gas explosions, tunnels collapsed and workers got all sorts of injuries. There were very few safety rules.
- One of the common dangers for children was shifting coal. To do this, the children had to bring the coal through the tunnels and small shafts. This would require the children to continually bend down and this led to many children suffering growth problems.
- Older children were employed as "coal bearers". This involved carrying loads of coal on their backs in big baskets.
- Younger children often worked as "trappers".
 It was their job to open and shut the doors in the tunnels to allow the air to circulate through them.

Child Mill Workers

- As in mines and factories, thousands of children also worked in cotton mills. The conditions in mills were very unpleasant. Children spent most of their working hours at machines with little or no time for fresh air or exercise.
- Many children fell ill or had serious accidents.
- Children were scalped when their hair was caught in the machine.
- Many hands were crushed and some children were killed when they went to sleep and fell into the machines.



Chimney Sweeps

- Orphans and homeless children were sold to employers to become chimney sweeps.
- This happened because children were cheap and they could not complain.
- Boys were forced up through the narrow, winding passages of chimneys in large houses in order to clean them.
- Children suffered many cuts, grazes and bruises on their knees, elbows and thighs. It was a dirty and dangerous job.
- In 1832, a law was introduced forbidding the use of boys for sweeping chimneys; unfortunately, we know that this law was ignored!

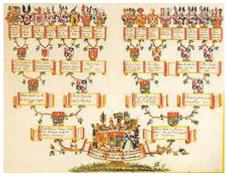


If you had to choose one of these jobs, which would it be and why? Try to give valid reasons for your choice. Use persuasive language to convince me that your job is a good one.

Sentence Starters	
• It is clear that	• The fact is
• Clearly	There is no doubt
• Everyone knows that	Surely
• Of course	
Persuasive Language	
• also	• for that reason
• although	however
• as a result	• in fact
• because	• instead
• clearly	• it is clear
• except	• obviously
• for example	• of course
• for instance	• surely
Conclusions	
• In conclusion,	• To end with,
• To sum up,	• In summary,
• As a result,	

This task is also part of your google classroom work this week (WB 15/6/20). Post your responses in the work set section.

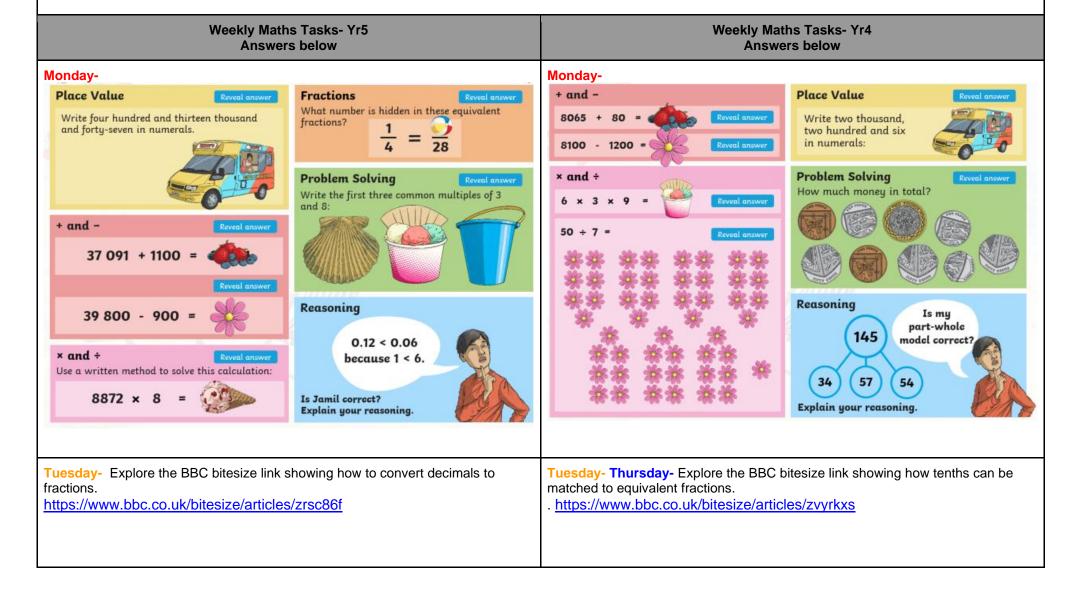
Wednesday- Queen Victoria was a powerful monarch who ruled over Great Britain for 63 years. She also had quite a few children. Create a family tree for Victoria starting with her and taking it to the present day. It might be helpful to do one for your own family first (if you haven't already done so) to help you out. Try to make it look suitably regal.

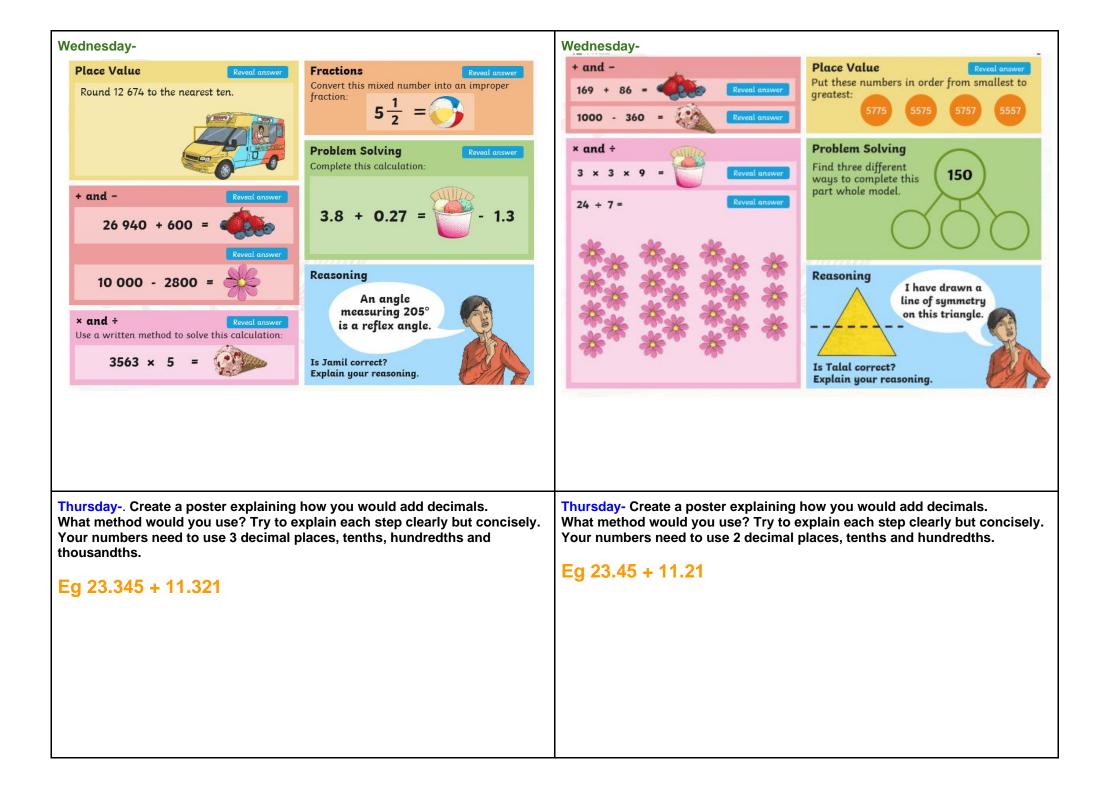


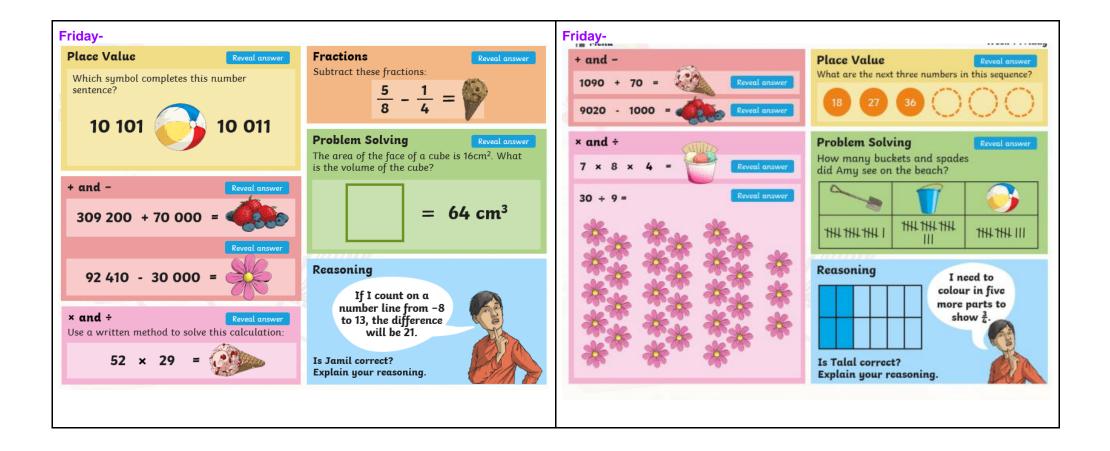
Thursday- Once schools were mandatory in Victorian times, all children were able to attend. However, the boys and girls were separated into different classrooms and taught different things. Do you think this is fair?

List the advantages and disadvantages of this method of teaching and give your personal thoughts and opinions about it.

Friday- During the Victorian era thousands of miles of train lines were created, revolutionising how people and goods were moved around the country. This also directly effected Padstow with a train line being built in 1899. How did this effect the town and why is the railways influence still having an impact in the modern day? Create a report researching the Wadebridge to Padstow train line.







Science	
Weekly project	

The Victorian Era produced a huge amount of new scientific discoveries, theories and inventions. Scientists and engineers from this period changed the way we live today. Research the work of Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison. What would our world be like today without their discoveries? Draw a picture of a room in your house removing all the things linked to the work of these scientists. You should see quite a difference.

Additional learning resources parents may wish to engage with

- CODE Maths Hub Daily Fluency Activities -
- <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10</u> arithmetic challenges
- **<u>BBC Bitesize</u>** Lots of videos and learning opportunities for all subjects.
- <u>https://www.thenational.academy/</u> A large selection of video lessons and learning resources. These cover a range of subjects including maths, English, art and languages.
- <u>Classroom Secrets Learning Packs</u> Reading, writing and maths activities for different ages.
- <u>Twinkl</u> Click on the link and sign up using your email address and creating a password. Use the offer code UKTWINKLHELPS.

