



# The Mead Infant and Nursery School – History

## Queen Victoria Knowledge Organiser – Year 1



### What should I already know?

- I can talk about past events in my own life and in the lives of my family.
- I can use simple vocabulary to talk about the past.
- I understand that life in the past was different to life today.

### What will I know by the end of Year 1?

- Queen Victoria was born in 1819 and died in 1901.
- She became queen in 1837, when she was only 18.
- Queen Victoria's **reign** of almost 64 years was the longest in British history until she was beaten by Queen Elizabeth II.
- The time when Queen Victoria ruled is known as The Victorian Era.
- Britain was the world's most powerful country during the Victorian Era. It ruled over many other countries around the world. Together, Britain and all the countries that Britain ruled were known as the British Empire.
- Queen Victoria helped to keep peace in Europe, for example she wrote a letter to help stop a war starting between Germany and France.
- Britain changed a lot while Victoria was queen. The **Industrial Revolution** meant that towns and cities became bigger, busier and more **polluted**.
- Many Victorians were very poor and lived in crowded houses without enough food or health care and many children worked instead of going to school.
- Queen Victoria didn't have any brothers or sisters, but she had 9 children of her own with her husband, Prince Albert.
- After Prince Albert died, Queen Victoria was very sad for a long time and was not seen in public.

### Key Questions

- Who was Queen Victoria?
- What was she like?
- When did she live?
- Why is she important?
- What did she do?

How was her life different to our lives today?



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### Key Vocabulary

British empire	Britain and all the other countries that it ruled.
evidence	Something that you see, experience, hear or read which is from or about the past.
Industrial revolution	The invention and use of machines to make things in factories instead of making them by hand.
polluted	Dirty.
reign	The time a king or queen is on the throne and rules the country.

### Historical Enquiry

Identify different ways in which the past is represented (evidence sources) e.g. books, paintings, photographs, objects.

Explore events by looking at evidence and asking questions.

