



Schools



Key Vocabulary

arithmetic	Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing	monarch	A king or queen who rules a kingdom
cane	A long piece of wood or bamboo that was used to punish children in the Victorian era	strict	Following and enforcing rules exactly
chronological	The order in which events happened	punishment	An unpleasant experience or task given to someone who has broken a rule

Victorian Schools

Lessons

Reading, writing and arithmetic were called the three Rs.
 RE - Religious Education.
 Girls - needlework
 Boys - wood work



Classrooms

Some classrooms held up to 70 or 80 children. Boys and girls sat separately. Children sat in rows and faced the front. The teacher used a blackboard and wrote with chalk. Children wrote on slates with slate pencils.



Teachers

Most teachers were very strict in Victorian times. They expected children to behave well and be clean and tidy. They punished children who misbehaved or didn't work hard enough.



Punishments

There were many punishments in Victorian classrooms. Teachers hit children with a cane if they misbehaved or made them wear a dunce's hat if they hadn't worked hard enough.



Samuel Wilderspin (1791-1866)

Samuel Wilderspin was a teacher who is known as the founder of infant education.

The Victorian era was the time from 1837 to 1901 when Queen Victoria was the monarch of the United Kingdom.



