

# KS1 - Happy Families



What  
I  
Should  
Know



## Overview

"Happy Families" is a thematic unit based around changes over time, with a history focus. We will look at differences between how people used to live at different times and in different eras, specifically Victorian and find answers to questions, such as, what kind of games did grandma play when she was a girl? There is a photo link across the unit, using photographic evidence as a means of comparing and learning about times past.

## What?

### What was everyday life like a long time ago?

- Life for children in Victorian times was very different. Lots of children had to go to work instead of being able to go to school. There were not as many toys in Victorian times and they were usually made of wood and metal. Plastic had not been invented and electricity had not really been discovered yet, so there were no plastic or electronic toys.



## Who?

### Who are Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II?

- The Victorian times have that name because of the queen who **reigned** then - Queen Victoria. She became the queen when she was only 18 and reigned for 64 years. Queen Victoria had lots of children and lived in a palace. Elizabeth II has been the Queen of England since 1952. She has reigned for longer than any other king or queen in our history.

## Why?

### Why have things changed so much since the Victorian times?

- People have invented lots of new things to help to make life easier and quicker, for example, cars, vacuum cleaners, fridges, new medicines and washing machines. Life for the poor was terrible in Victorian times and people helped to change this by opening schools and orphanages to look after the poorest children. The government passed laws and opened free hospitals and schools so that everybody could be looked after, even if they were not rich.

## Where?

### Where can we go to find out about the past?

- Looking at **photographs** can be a really good way of finding out about the **past**.

## When?

### When was Victoria Queen of England?

- Queen Victoria **reigned** from 1837 to 1901.

## How?

### How might life change in the future?

- Talk about how you think life might change in the future.

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## How to...

### ...take photographs using digital equipment

- Press the power button to turn on the digital camera / click on the camera icon on a tablet. Look at the screen to see the picture you are taking, then press the shutter button / click the circle icon. You can see your photo immediately.



## Concept Flow

- Know and understand simple vocabulary relating to the passing of time
- Know about changes in your own lives
- Know about changes in the way of life of your family and others around them
- Know some differences between how people used to live at different times
- Learn about Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria



## Vocabulary

**After:** later

**Before:** earlier in time

**Discover:** find something out

**Electronic:** uses electricity

**Government:** the people who are in charge of a country

**Invent:** design something that has not been made before

**Laws:** rules

**Orphanage:** a home for children whose parents have died

**Past:** gone by in time

**Photograph:** a picture taken with a camera

**Poor:** not having enough money to live a comfortable life

**Present:** now

**Reign:** to be in charge as king or queen

**Victorian era:** the period of time when Victoria was the queen (1837 – 1901)

