



History – Year 4 Summer 2
The Victorian Industrial Revolution
(Victorian Era Britain – Summer 1)

Vocabulary		
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Industrial Revolution	Urbanisation	Telegraph
Invention	Child Labour	Coal Mine
Factory	Reform	Chimney Sweep
Industry	Steam Engine	Rural
Pollution	Locomotive	Trade

● don't know
 ● I know this word
 ● I can use it in a sentence

Key People

- **James Watt** – Improved the steam engine.
- **George Stephenson** – Designed the first successful steam locomotive.
- **James Hargreaves** – Invented the Spinning Jenny.
- **Lord Shaftesbury** – Campaigned to improve child working conditions.

What Was Life Like?

- Overcrowded cities, poor sanitation, and pollution.
- Many children worked long hours in dangerous jobs. Families moved to cities for factory jobs (urbanisation).



Rural Countryside



Industrial City

Date	Event
1764	Spinning Jenny invented.
1776	Watt improved the steam engine.
1785	Power Loom invented.
1815	Davy Safety Lamp invented.
1829	Stephenson's Rocket wins locomotive trials.
1833	Factory Act passed (limits child working hours).
1837	Telegraph invented.

Sticky Knowledge

- The Industrial Revolution began around 1750.
- It changed how goods were made – from handmade to machine-made.
- Life in cities became harder for the poor, but reforms helped improve conditions later.
- Transport and communication became much faster, connecting people and places like never before.

Useful Resources

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcixhyc>

<https://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians/children.htm>

<https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk>

History Timeline

Roman Britain
43-410

Anglo-Saxons
410 -1066

Normans
1066 - 1154

Anglo-Saxons
410 -1066

Industrial Revolution
1750-1900

Victorian Era
1837 to 1901