

Activity Ideas - Year 4

Education City has lots of valuable resources for English, Maths, Science and Computing. We would recommend using this website, if you have access to the internet, to support your child in these subject areas. White Rose maths and Oak Academy are also a great resource for helping your child in maths and look at the Woodston website and twitter feed for more ideas.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/schedule>

Using the Internet For Research

When your child is searching the internet, encourage them to use a child friendly search engine so the results are websites that are suitable and easy to understand independently or with you. <https://www.kiddle.co>

Mary Anning

Watch the educational BBC video explaining who Mary Anning was and what she did.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/true-stories-mary-anning/zn7gd6f>

- Mary Anning was a palaeontologist (fossil hunter) who changed scientific thinking worldwide. Can you find out more about Mary? Time yourself and see how many facts you can find in 15 minutes. How would you like to display your facts? You could write a fact-file, poster or write a biography.
- Mary Anning received little recognition for her achievements during her lifetime. Can you put that right by designing a medal for her now? What would be on it... one of her dinosaurs?
- Palaeontologists often draw the fossils they find. Have a look in your garden or when you are out exercising and see what you can find. Have a go at drawing your 'curiosities'. If you don't find anything interesting, you could have a go at drawing an ichthyosaurus.

Day in the Life of a Victorian

- Watch the funny and educational Horrible Histories videos about childhood in the Victorian times.

<https://vimeo.com/14027200>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gKGybl071I>

- What was life like for children in Victorian times? Was it the same for all Victorian children? Many Victorian children never went to school and they were forced to work. Imagine you are a child in Victorian times, what job would you like to do? Would it be a chimney sweep? A coal miner? Write a letter to apply for your 'favourite' Victorian job. Don't forget to list all your skills and what would make you an ideal candidate for the job.
- Life was very different for children from rich families and those from working class families. Were there any similarities? What were the differences? You could present your findings as a venn diagram.
- Laws were introduced to say what the children could do and could not do. What laws would you introduce and why?

Your choice

- You have completed a lot of tasks and found out lots of information about the Victorians. You can choose some activities to complete from the ideas below.
- Research Kings and Queens of the past. Create a bar chart to compare the length of Queen Victoria's reign with the reign of other kings and queens.
- Make up a Victorian quiz and test your family.
- Design and play a Victorian themed board or card game.
- Create an outdoor game that children could have played in the Victorian times.
- Paint or draw a Victorian scene.
- Design a toy for a Victorian child.
- Draw or trace a word map. Mark the countries which were part of the British Empire.
- Create a list of items which we use now which were also used by Victorians.
- Make a Victorian sponge cake.
- Design a new stamp.