

Victorians Challenge



A time for discovery, an age of advancement...

Take a step back in time and discover the Victorians. Spanning almost 70 years, Queen Victoria's reign was an era of change. Let's explore more, together!

For even more programme ideas check out our 'Victorians' board over on www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily

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Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



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Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

PAWPRINT TRAILS

Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

PAWPRINT TALES

Pawprint Tales are fully illustrated stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join Alfie (our fox-red Labrador) on his adventures around the UK – solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With twists and turns, every tale is an opportunity to discover new places, people and history without needing to leave the comfort of your own home.

Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

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Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

Share your adventures and join us over on our social channels for even more adventures and a nosy behind the scenes at Pawprint HQ!



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Craft

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- ⚙️ Make your own telephone from paper cups and string. In 1876 Alexander Graham Bell was granted the first successful patent for the telephone.
- ⚙️ Create your own stop motion animation like *The Horse In Motion* (1878) by Eadweard Muybridge.
- ⚙️ Build and paint your own post box and make your own stamps for some role play or for a fund raising Christmas post.

Why?

The Penny Black was the world's first sticky postage stamp used in a public post system. It was first issued on 1st May 1840 but was not valid for use until 6th May. The first red pillar post boxes in the British Isles were put up in Guernsey in 1852.

- ⚙️ Design your own postage stamp.
- ⚙️ Make a model train. The Victorian era saw a huge expansion of the railways including the opening of the first underground railway, the Metropolitan line which opened in January 1863.
- ⚙️ Decorate or make your own dolls house, a toy which rose to popularity during the Victorian era.
- ⚙️ Recycle an old bottle top and turn it in to a spinning top.
- ⚙️ Create a Christmas tree decoration.

Why?

Originally introduced to Britain in the Georgian era, Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert are recognised for bringing the Christmas tree to popularity.

- ⚙️ Make something using a sewing machine; a machine with a complex invention timeline but which appeared in the form most like those we use today in 1851, created by Isaac Merritt Singer.
- ⚙️ Photography rose to popularity and saw great leaps in development during the Victorian era. Create your own pin-hole camera or take photos with different types of camera.
- ⚙️ Create your own faux taxidermy. The Victorian era was the golden age of taxidermy when mounted animals became popular decor items with some even being dressed in miniature clothes and posed.



Food

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- ⚙️ Bake a Battenberg cake.

Why?

Battenberg cake is made from alternating pink and yellow sponge squares. It is thought to have originated during Queen Victoria's reign, created to mark the wedding of her granddaughter, Princess Victoria, to Louis of Battenberg in 1884.

- ⚙️ Make your own toothpaste. Even though it became possible to purchase ready-made products during the Victorian era many still took to making their own home made 'dentifrice' from ingredients including honey and charcoal.
- ⚙️ Try jellied eels, a favourite in Victorian London.
- ⚙️ Cook up your own kedgeree. Made with smoked haddock, boiled eggs, rice and curry spices it was often enjoyed at breakfast time in Victorian England.
- ⚙️ Offal such as sheep's trotters and calf's head was popular among the lower classes as an affordable alternative to expensive cuts of meat. Nowadays it's seen more as a delicacy and a resourceful way of reducing waste. Have a go at cooking with or tasting offal.
- ⚙️ The "Full English" rose to popularity in the Victorian era; cook and enjoy a full English breakfast of your own. How can you adapt it to suit different dietary requirements or lifestyles?
- ⚙️ The Sunday Lunch was born in the Victorian era with Sundays being a day of rest and family. Cook a roast dinner and enjoy with family.
- ⚙️ Bake a traditional Victoria Sponge.

What?

It's a staple of English teatime and is believed to have been renamed after Queen Victoria as it is widely thought that this simple sponge, sandwiched together with jam was the Queen's favourite. Nowadays there is much debate over the correct filling and topping, personally we enjoy the traditional raspberry jam and a light dusting of caster sugar.

- ⚙️ Apples were a popular fruit in winter and cherries in the summer, have a go at making a recipe using seasonal fruits.
- ⚙️ Golden syrup was created in London in the 1880s, bake using it.
- ⚙️ Jellies (both sweet and savoury) were popular at Victorian dinner parties. Have a go at making your own layered jelly.



Games

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- ⚙️ Walk like a...Victorian? Make your own Victorian style crinoline from a hula hoop and try making your way through an obstacle course.

How?

Create your hoop skirt by suspending a hula hoop around your ankles. Tie several lengths of string to the hula hoop at one end and to a belt/waist band at the other. Victorian crinolines could reach circumferences up to 5.5 metres, almost 2 metres in diameter!

- ⚙️ Decipher Morse Code messages. International Morse Code as we know it was devised in 1851.
- ⚙️ Make and play with your own thaumatrope.

What?













A thaumatrope is a disk of card with a picture on each side and two pieces of string attached. When the strings are twirled quickly the disc spins making the pictures merge, for example seeing a fish in a bowl or a bird in a cage.

- ⚙️ Make your own skipping rope and enjoy some jump rope games.
- ⚙️ Play cup-and-ball and race against each other to see who can get the ball in the cup first. Why not make your own?
- ⚙️ Board games were popular indoor games with games such as Snakes and Ladders, Ludo and Draughts among the favourites. Play any of these or a board game of your choice with friends/family.
- ⚙️ Have a game of Blind Man's Buff, a popular Victorian era parlour game.
- ⚙️ Make your own rag ball to play throwing and catching games with. Check out our Pinterest board for some ideas and instructions.
- ⚙️ Card games including Happy Families and Whist were played by all ages. Have a game or two of cards, they make great travelling games!
- ⚙️ The first public flushing toilet, created by George Jennings, was showcased at the Great Exhibition in 1851. Find yourself a spare toilet or use a mixing bowl then test your aim trying to get toilet rolls in the bowl!
- ⚙️ Play marbles. For the poorest they would have been made from clay and for the richest families they would have been made from real marble!!
- ⚙️ Have a go at another game such as Jacks, Hopscotch or Pick Up Sticks.



Other

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-  The typewriter was invented in the Victorian era; have a go at using one to produce a typed document. How does it differ from hand writing or typing on a keyboard and computer?
-  Learn to ride a bike if you can't already or have a go at unicycling if you can; the Penny Farthing was popular during the 1870s and 1880s.
-  Take a trip on the railway and if you can ride on a heritage railway on a steam train.
-  Through the expansion of industry more people moved to the cities and as a result of overcrowding slums developed. Slums still exist today in countries around the world, take a look at where and find out what life is like in them.
-  Find out about life in a Victorian Workhouse and share your findings in an interesting way; perhaps you could create a short play or a painting/drawing of what you think it would have been like?
-  The Salvation Army, Barnardos and the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) were all founded in the Victorian era as a result of poverty and working conditions. Fundraise for one of these charities or a charity of your choice that works to improve the lives of children.
-  *Alice in Wonderland*, *Treasure Island* and *The Jungle Book* all became popular titles and favourites in Victorian homes. Read one of them.
-  Watch *Oliver Twist*, set in Victorian London.
-  Got a collection? Put it on show and share it. Collecting was a great pastime of the Victorians with curiosity shops selling unusual items and trinkets.
-  The Victorian era was a time of mass production and great industrial advances. Visit a factory and see mass production in action.
-  By 1901 the British Empire extended to around one-fifth of the world's land surface. Find out more about the Empire and how Britain came to rule such a large proportion of the globe. Colour the Empire on a map to show its scale. Do you think this would be possible today? Why?
-  1st May 1851 saw the Great Exhibition held in Hyde Park, London, as a celebration of modern technology and design. Hold your own exhibition and share objects that play key roles in your life today.
-  Visit a Victorian building and look at the architecture.

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