Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	Now and Then	FS2	TERM 2

WHAT? – Key Knowledge

History

History is when we find out about the past. We can find out about how life was different for people who are older than us or who lived before us.

Victorian Times

The Victorian times were a 150 years ago; life was very different.

Kitchens

Our kitchens have lots of machines that work using electricity. We have things like microwaves, ovens, fridges, freezers, kettles and washing machines.



In Victorian times people had a **range** for cooking that had to be lit with a fire. There were no fridges, freezers, microwaves or washing machines. Often people had to go outside to get water from a **pump**.









Laundry

Laundry is washing clothes. We wash our clothes in a washing machine and then hang them out on a line to dry or we might dry them in a tumble drier.





WHAT? – Key Knowledge

People who lived in the Victorian times had to wash their clothes using a **dolly**, **scrubbing board** and **tub**. All the water had to heated up on the stove. Then the washing was hung on a line to dry or in front of a fire.







Scrubbing board

Dolly and tub

Shopping

In the modern day we go to the supermarket. We can choose a basket or trolley and we walk around the shop and pick what we want. We pay at the **cash desk** where an assistant uses a scanner to scan the **bar codes** and the **till** adds up the money. We can pay with a **card** or **cash**.





In the **Victorian** times shops were much smaller. You had to tell the **shopkeeper** what you wanted and they picked the things off the shelf for you. Some things like sugar and cheese had to be cut up and weighed. The shopkeeper worked the till by turning a handle.







Key Vocabulary	
Dolly	A wooden tool for swirling clothes around in water.
Tub	A large container for water.
Scrubbing board	A bumpy piece of metal to rub clothes against to clean them.
Victorian	Over 150 years ago the Queen was called Victoria. People who lived then were called Victorians.
Laundry	Washing dirty clothes.
Tumble drier	A machine that spins clothes around and warms them to make them dry.
Range	A metal stove and oven that uses a fire to heat up.
Till	Where money if kept when people pay in a shop. It is also called a cash register.
Cash	Money – notes and coins.
Shopkeeper	The person who owned and ran a shop.

Possible experiences:

Use replica items and take part in a Victorian washday

Look at photos from the past

Role-play being a Victorian shopkeeper

Look at photos and ask their parents or grandparents about the past.

Visit Reading Museum or The Milestones Museum