

Key Vocabulary			
<b>arithmetic</b>	Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing	<b>monarch</b>	A king or queen who rules a kingdom
<b>cane</b>	A long piece of wood or bamboo that was used to punish children in the Victorian era	<b>strict</b>	Following and enforcing rules exactly
<b>chronological</b>	The order in which events happened	<b>punishment</b>	An unpleasant experience or task given to someone who has broken a rule

## Victorian Schools

### Lessons

Reading, writing and arithmetic were called the three Rs.  
 RE – Religious Education.  
 Girls – needlework  
 Boys – wood work



### Classrooms

Some classrooms held up to 70 or 80 children. Boys and girls sat separately. Children sat in rows and faced the front. The teacher used a blackboard and wrote with chalk. Children wrote on slates with slate pencils.



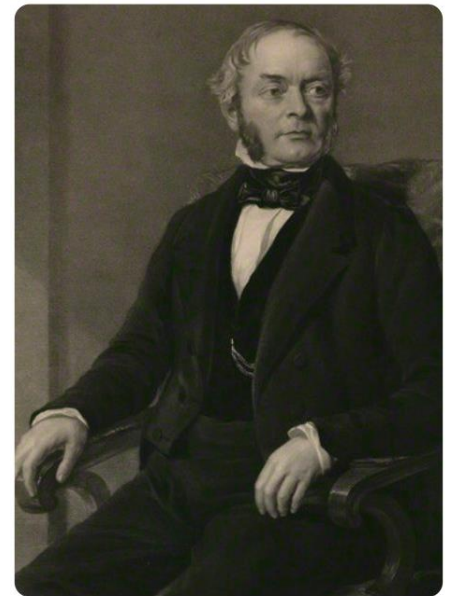
### Teachers

Most teachers were very strict in Victorian times. They expected children to behave well and be clean and tidy. They punished children who misbehaved or didn't work hard enough.



### Punishments

There were many punishments in Victorian classrooms. Teachers hit children with a cane if they misbehaved or made them wear a dunce's hat if they hadn't worked hard enough.



Samuel Wilderspin (1791–1866)

Samuel Wilderspin was a teacher who is known as the founder of infant education.

The Victorian era was the time from 1837 to 1901 when Queen Victoria was the monarch of the United Kingdom.

