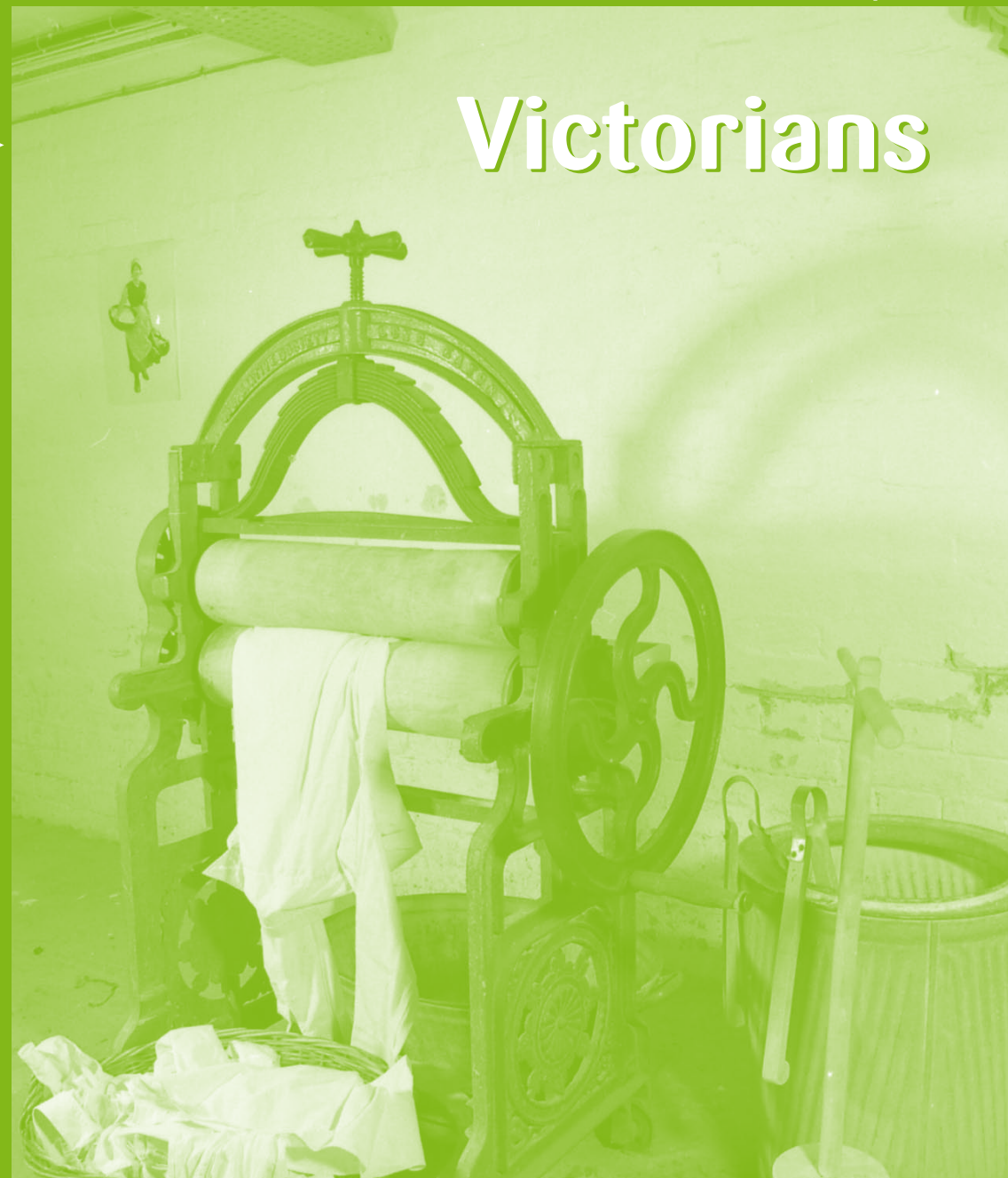




Victorians



INFORMATION

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Educational Activities at
Beaumanor Park and Quorn Hall

VICTORIANS

A KS1 or KS2 theme for one or two days, based on being a Victorian child at Beaumanor, a Grade II listed Victorian mansion. Schools are encouraged to create a real sense of occasion by dressing the part; preparatory work may involve looking at the fashions of the time and, for day groups, historically correct packed lunches. A full programme of one-hour activities, negotiated with visiting staff, may include:

A Victorian Schoolroom

Children can experience a Victorian school lesson in role. The lesson starts with the Teacher checking fingernails, then sums on the slate, writing with dip pens and chanting the alphabet backwards, and finishing with saying goodbye and ringing the school handbell. We have 'Victorian' clothing available for groups who do not wish to come in their own costume.

A Servant's Life in the Hall Cellars

In the cellars underneath the Hall, we have recreated some servants' jobs in the original rooms. We have a bread kitchen, a linen room, a laundry room and a salting room. Children have an opportunity to use different implements and artefacts.

Victorian Games and Toys

Groups play traditional playground games in the Hall courtyard between sessions. The games are all organised ring games such as 'Looby Loo' and 'Dusty Bluebells'. We also have some outdoor toys such as skipping ropes, spinning tops and cup-and-ball sets.

A Photo Trail

This involves a walk, with map, around Beaumanor looking at the house and the built environment. Children have to match photographs to places on a simple map.

A Victorian Mystery

A trail which is suitable for Year 3 or older and involves trying to catch a Victorian villain. It includes mapwork, reading and reasoning and with residential groups, can be undertaken at night, using torches. One of the mysteries involves a Victorian murder and another concerns the theft of some very valuable jewels.

The Stained Glass Window

One of the best features of Beaumanor Hall is its enormous stained glass window, depicting the family history of the Herricks, the owners of the Beaumanor estate. We have a worksheet of one of the panels which small groups of children can complete, sitting on the staircase and carefully matching the colours and shapes of the original.

ACTIVITY INFORMATION:

- We offer this activity as a one or two-day theme for any number of children.
- Residential groups will also be offered evening activities, until around 20:00.
- Groups will need to split into teams of around 30 – see programme for information.
- All of the activities and any necessary equipment will be provided by Beaumanor.
- There may be some occasions when visiting staff will be asked to lead activities.
- It will enhance the activities if groups come in costume and role (see teacher's notes).
- Unless otherwise agreed, day groups will need to provide their own lunches.

All of our activities are as cross-curricular as possible and we try hard to encourage an holistic approach to any particular topic. Specifically, we try to include aspects of Maths, English and Science in all our days.

Curriculum Links For:

QCA

History unit 1 - How are our toys different from those in the past?

History unit 2 - What were homes like a long time ago?

History unit 11 - What was it like for children living in Victorian Britain?

Key Stage 1

History

- Knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past (2 a and b)
- Historical enquiry (4 a and b)
- Breadth of study (6 b)

Key Stage 2

History

- Knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past (2 a and b)
- Historical enquiry (4 a and b)
- Victorian Britain or Britain since 1930 (11 a)

Suitable for Key Stages 1 and 2

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