

Knowledge Organiser

Victorian Aireborough

Understanding our area

The main townships of Guiseley, Rawdon and Yeadon grew into industrial textile and manufacturing townships

Working Children in Victorian times:

- Children worked very long hours with little breaks and no fresh air.
- They often worked in very dangerous conditions resulting in injuries or even death.
- Very young children were expected to work.
- There was no education for the poor, so it was very unlikely they could get better paid jobs when they were older.
- Children were paid very little because they were younger

Schools in Victorian times:

Rich Children

- Children from rich families were taught at home by a governess until they were 10 years old. Once a boy turned ten, he went away to Public schools like Eton or Harrow. There were very few schools available for girls, however, until near the end of the Victorian time. Wealthy girls were mostly educated at home.

Poor Children

- Poor children went to free charity schools or 'Dame' schools (so called because they were run by women) for young children. They also went to Sunday Schools which were run by churches. There they learnt bible stories and were taught to read a little.

Victorian Vocabulary

- Industrial Revolution
- Dame school
- Textiles
- Ragged school
- Workhouse
- Wool and cotton

Learning from evidence

We will be using photographs, documents, maps and census data to piece together exactly what life was like in our area 150 years ago.

