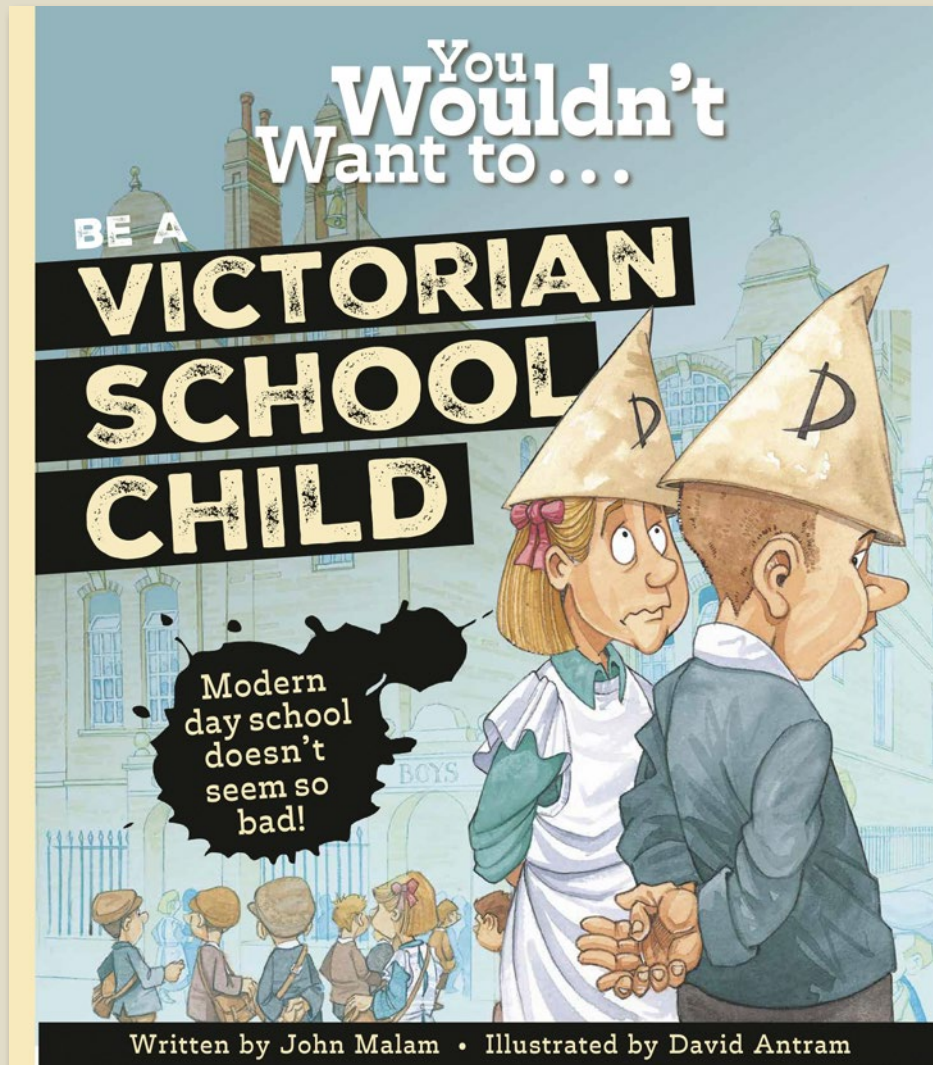


You Wouldn't Want To Be A Victorian Schoolchild!



The grisly history of Victorian school children!

- The cruel history of Victorian schools - perfect for Horrible Histories fans
- Funny, foul and fact-filled book to engage reluctant readers with history and the KS2 Victorian curriculum.
- Combines funny text and comical illustrations to fascinating facts, managing to accurately convey historical realities in an educational, engaging way.

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No blots! The writing lesson

What you will need:
 Cursive
 The children are told to get ready for the writing lesson. You'll need a ruler and pencil, a pen and, most important of all, your writing book or copybook.
 The teacher tells you to open your copybook at a clean page and rub some sand, straight lines on it. A teacher fills a tray of inkwells with black ink and gives one to each child in the class. Close the teacher as she writes a sentence on the blackboard. You must copy it word for word in your best handwriting into your copybook.

Handy hint
 Don't get too close to the blackboard. You'll get splashed with ink!

Other lessons:
 History
 Geography
 Science
 Religion
 Music
 Art
 Physical Education

Times tables! The arithmetic lesson

Teachers will tell you that arithmetic is the most important of the three R's, but you may not agree with them. They want you to be able to add and subtract, divide and multiply. None of all they want you to do sums in your head, which is why it's called mental arithmetic. You'll also learn about:

It's all part of the lesson:
 Abacus
 Mental arithmetic
 Maths book
 Know your numbers
 Ruler and pencil
 Fractions, percentages, decimals and something called interest, which is very important if you want to make lots of money when you start work. And if you think this lot sounds difficult, just wait until the teacher starts filling your head with algebra and geometry!

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What is it? The object lesson

The world is a big place, but you've probably never been further than the edge of your town. That's why you have an object lesson, when your teacher tells you about the world you live in. The school has a specimen cabinet, which is a wooden box filled with lots of objects, from rocks and minerals to dead insects and dried plants. In the object lesson, you learn what things are made from, how they work and what they feel and smell like. It's a science lesson.

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School – the place for you

Ready for school:
 Sleep well the night before school starts so you don't come to lessons tired. Yawning in class will land you in trouble.
 Wash properly before you come to school. Scruffy children will be sent home.
 Eat a good breakfast. An empty stomach is as bad as an empty head at school.
 Don't be late. School starts at 9 o'clock sharp. If you're late you'll be sent to see the headteacher for a talking-off.

Listen out for the school bell at the start of each new day, calling all children to their lessons. Your brand new school is called a Board School because your town's Board of Education built it. The school is a modern red brick building with room for around 1,500 pupils. Boys and girls don't mix much at school so they have separate entrances. It's almost like two schools in one building – one school for the boys and another for the girls.

Handy hint
 Know where school is as you might have miles to walk. If you get lost, ask a policeman.

Victorian pennies
 Education won't be free of charge until 1891. Until then you'll pay 2 pence (2d) a week.

Girls' classrooms
Boys' classrooms
School bell

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