



Year 6 — Spring Term 1

Revolution

History: Industrial Revolution and the Victorians



Key Vocabulary

empire	A group of territories or peoples under one ruler.
destitute	Having no money or other means of living.
industry	Industry is needed to produce goods to trade.
mechanised process	If a process is mechanised, it is done by machines instead of people.
revolution	A sudden, large change in something that causes many other things to change.
sanitation	Clean drinking water and flushing toilets.
union	A group formed by people with a common interest or purpose.



This half term, our Big Question is...

Why was the industrial revolution so important?

Key Facts

How did steam engines change people's lives?



Steam power made progress much more possible. Before this, people had to rely on wind, water or horses and people generating power. Steam meant factories could be located anywhere, and didn't need to pay for horses or men to turn machinery.

What was the Great Exhibition?



The Great Exhibition was a chance for people from all around the British **Empire** to show off the latest in technology and culture. It had a significant impact on art and trade around the world.

How did the spinning jenny change people's lives?

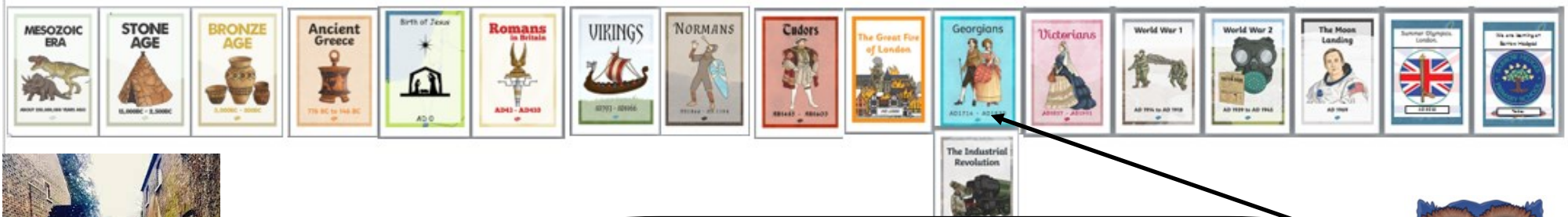


The spinning jenny made it easier to produce yarn, with a single worker able to work eight or more spools at once. It could hold more than one ball of yarn, which made it easier to produce more clothing materials in a quicker time, which made it much cheaper.

Why was the River Wandle important in the Industrial Revolution?

The River Wandle was described as "the hardest worked river for its size in the world" during the **Industrial Revolution**, as it was an ideal place for water mills.

Where does it fit in to the big story?



Your learning is represented by this section of our Key Stage Two timeline. Can you see any of the other themes you have already looked at? Did the Industrial Revolution take place before or after the First World War?



What do we already know?

So far...

Through KS2 you have thought about how life has changed since prehistoric times through to the Tudors.

In Year 3, you learned how the River Wandle has been important to people living in the local area.

Throughout KS2, you have thought about how changes affect people's lives in this country (and sometimes those of people elsewhere).

Throughout our school, you have used timelines to help you track what happened in history.

Key Date

June 20th 1837

Queen Victoria becomes Queen

