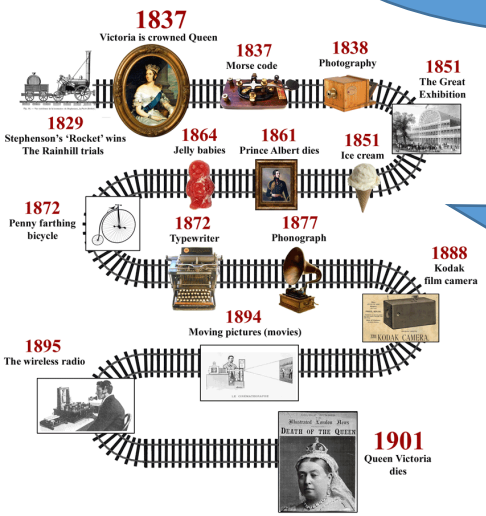
Year 2 History Knowledge Organiser – The Victorians

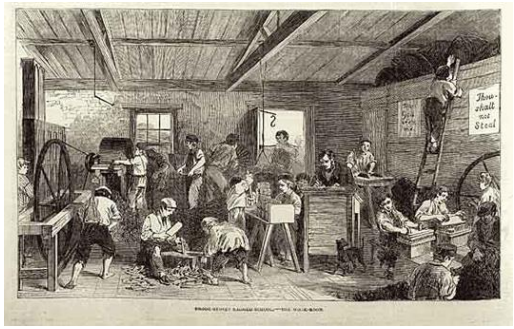
Selected Vocabulary and Definitions	
Monarch	A king or queen
Reign	Rule as monarch
Workhouse	A building where very poor people in Britain used to work, in the past, in exchange for food and shelter
Morse code	A system used for sending messages, in which letters and numbers are represented by short and long marks, sounds or flashes of light
Invention	Something that has been invented (created/designed)
Inventor	A person who has invented something

Curriculum Objectives
I can find out about Queen Victoria and the chronology of the period
I can investigate Victorian inventions and their impact on national events
I can make comparisons between childhood in Victorian times and childhood today

Key Knowledge	
Queen Victoria	Born 1819 Reign 1837 - 1901 Died 1901
	Married Prince Albert in 1840 9 children – 5 girls and 4 boys 42 grandchildren
	Came to the throne at 18 years old Second longest reigning monarch – 63 years
	In 1861 Albert died and Victoria only wore black from that day.
Inventions and Inventors	
1839	Isambard Kingdom Brunel – steam-powered paddle boat
1844	Samuel Morse – Morse code
1845	Robert Thompson – Inflatable rubber tyres
1871	James Starley – Penny Farthing bicycle
1876	Alexander Graham Bell - Telephone
1876	Thomas Edison – Electric light bulb
1885	Karl Benz – petrol motor car
1895	Guglielmo Marconi – Wireless radio

Why was Queen Victoria so well-known?



Can you name a Victorian invention and inventor?

What was life like in Victorian Britain?