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THE VICTORIAN CHILD

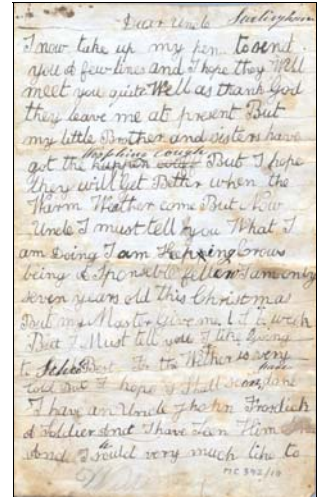
This pack contains images from Norfolk Record Office sources to add local interest to the QCA Scheme of Work Unit 11 *What was it like for children living in Victorian Britain?*



It includes photographs of children of varying ages and social status, examples of school log books, plans and photographs of Victorian schools and a wide range of material illustrating life as a child in Victorian times, all taken from Norfolk sources.

Each item is laminated to last. We think it will help children to understand what life was like as a child in Norfolk a century or so ago.

Handbill From Great Yarmouth School Board



Letter from Moses Frostick, 1855

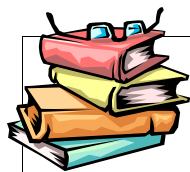
It is available from us at a cost of £14.95



SUNDAY ON SATURDAY!

Every Saturday the *Eastern Daily Press* contains a leisure magazine entitled *Sunday*. This includes a short article written by a member of the staff of either the Norfolk Record Office or the Heritage Centre. These are for the general reader, but teachers and pupils may find them interesting too – we hope so! If they raise any ideas that you would like to discuss, or if you have any suggestions for future articles, please do get in touch: we will see what we can do.

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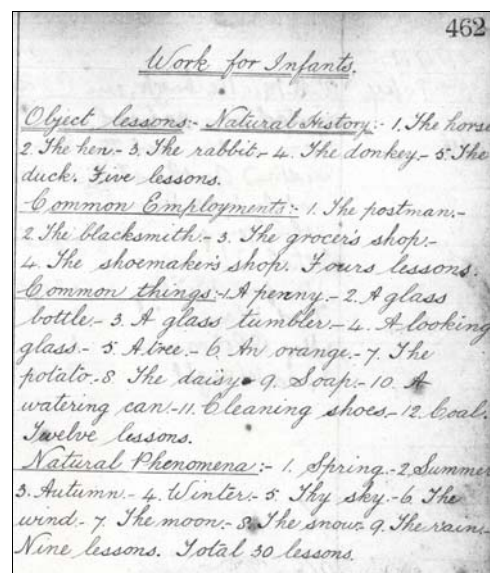
School Logbooks

When the bad weather closed many schools this winter, did you stop and think that this is exactly what was happening over a century ago? If you didn't, but would like to know more, try taking a look at some school logbooks. The Norfolk Record Office holds logbooks for schools from the mid-Victorian period right up to the end of the 20th Century; books are closed for 30 years after the last entry.

The logbooks provide many interesting stories and snippets of past school life, often containing information on the running of the school, the pupils, and how lessons were taught. Major events may also be covered. The School logbook for Langham records that the school was closed in 1946 for the wedding of the then Princess Elizabeth to Lieut. Philip Mountbatten.

Logbooks can be used in a number of ways. For instance, they can be used to compare and contrast with school life today. One School who wanted to bring the information alive is looking into teaching a lesson following a Victorian lesson plan. Alternatively, the books can be used to look into more wide ranging questions, such as the pattern of disease during a certain period, or weather patterns.

The majority of logbooks held at the NRO are from closed schools, and listed under C/ED for county schools, or N/ED for Norwich schools. We do hold some log books for schools that are still open, and these are listed under D/ED.



Lesson Plan, taken from Wheatacre County Primary School Logbook, 1899

We are thinking of producing a series of packs of documents relating to famous people of Norfolk and their contribution to local, national and international life. These might include figures such as Robert Kett, Anna Sewell, and, of course, Horatio Nelson. The year 2005 sees the 200th anniversary of his death at the Battle of Trafalgar and all sorts of events are being planned throughout Norfolk and Britain to celebrate the occasion. No doubt many schools will want to figure his life in their lesson plan: we have fascinating local material including his baptismal record, letters written to and from Nelson, and descriptions of life in Nelson's navy.

Would you find such packs helpful in your teaching? Are there any people you would especially like to see included? They might be the people after whom your school houses are named, or men and women whose careers can bring to life at a local level topics that are taught in the national curriculum. Please tell us, we are here to help!



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