

History – Homes of the past

Year 2

National Curriculum programme of study:

Pupils should be taught:

- Events within living memory.

'Sticky' Knowledge

- There are lots of different types of homes: detached, semi-detached, terraced house, bungalow, flat, cottage, caravan/mobile home and houseboat.
- Homes in the **1940s** were often damaged by war and had no central heating. In the **1950s**, new homes were built with indoor bathrooms. The **1960s** brought modern layouts and appliances like fridges. In the **1970s**, homes had central heating and colourful designs. The **1980s** saw better insulation and microwaves. In the **1990s**, homes became open-plan with computers and internet. The **2000s** had modern designs, dishwashers, and flat-screen TVs. In the **2010s**, smart gadgets and energy-saving features appeared. Today, in the **2020s**, homes are eco-friendly with smart heating and solar panels.
- A source is something that gives us information from the past. These can be: books, artefacts, memories, newspapers, photographs, diaries, paintings, films and more.
- Technology doesn't have to use electricity - it's just that most modern technology does! Modern technology can be things like vacuums, air fryers, toasters and more.
- The Victorian period - The Victorian period was a time in history, roughly from 1837 to 1901, when Queen Victoria ruled Britain. It was a time of big changes, with inventions like steam trains and electricity, and growing empires.

Key Vocabulary

decade	A group of ten years (e.g., 1940 to 1950 is a decade)
appliance	A machine used in the home, like a fridge or washing machine.
insulation	Material in walls or roofs that helps keep heat inside a house.
Within living memory	Within the last 100 years.
Beyond living memory	More than 100 years ago. No one is alive now to talk about it.
World War II	World War II (2) began on 1st September 1939 and ended on 2nd September 1945 .
Victorian period	The Victorian period spanned from 1837-1901 during the reign of Queen Victoria

Prior Knowledge

- **Year 1 - Toys from the past (within living memory)**
- **Year 2 - Great Fire of London (homes)**

Future learning

- **Year 5 - The Victorians.**
- **Year 6 - World War II.**

1940s	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s/2020s
Many homes were damaged during World War II, and people used coal fires to stay warm. Most homes didn't have modern appliances.	New homes were built after the war, and families started getting TVs and indoor bathrooms.	Homes became more colourful, and new appliances like fridges and washing machines were added.	Central heating became more common, and homes had patterned carpets and bold colours.	Double glazing helped keep homes warmer, and microwaves and video players became popular.	More people had computers and the internet, and open-plan living became trendy.	Flat-screen TVs and dishwashers were common, and mobile phones were used in most homes.	Homes have smart technology like speakers and energy-saving gadgets with smart heating and more people working from home.