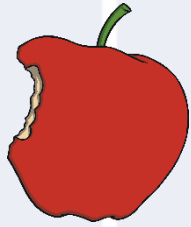
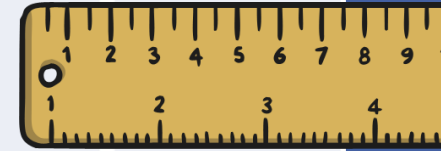


Schools in the Past





Questions, Questions!



Click on a question to take you to that page.

**What were the classrooms
like in the past?**

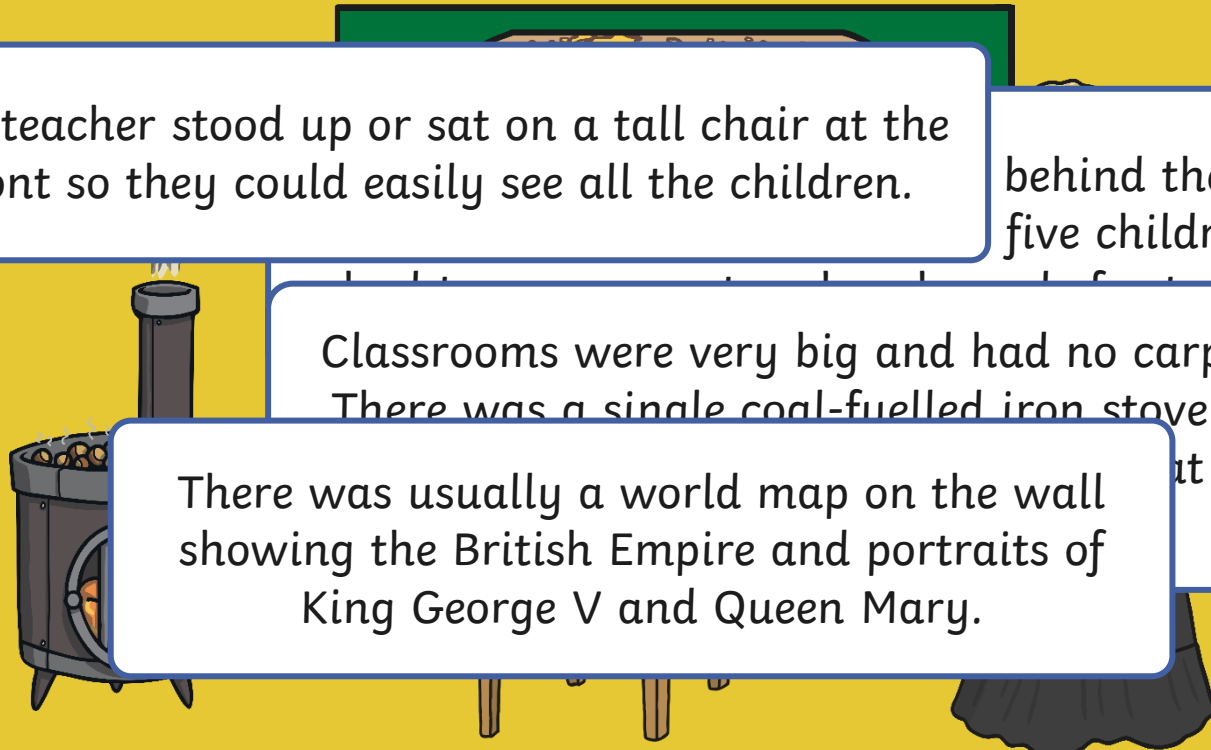
**How were children
punished in the past?**

**What equipment was
used in the past?**

**What was the teaching and
learning like in the past?**

What Were the Classrooms Like in the Past?

Click on each object to read some information.



The teacher stood up or sat on a tall chair at the front so they could easily see all the children.

behind their
five children

Classrooms were very big and had no carpet.
There was a single coal-fuelled iron stove at

There was usually a world map on the wall
showing the British Empire and portraits of
King George V and Queen Mary.

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What Were the Classrooms Like in the Past?

Try it...

Try to squeeze five children onto two small chairs.
How easy would it be to write, squashed up like this?

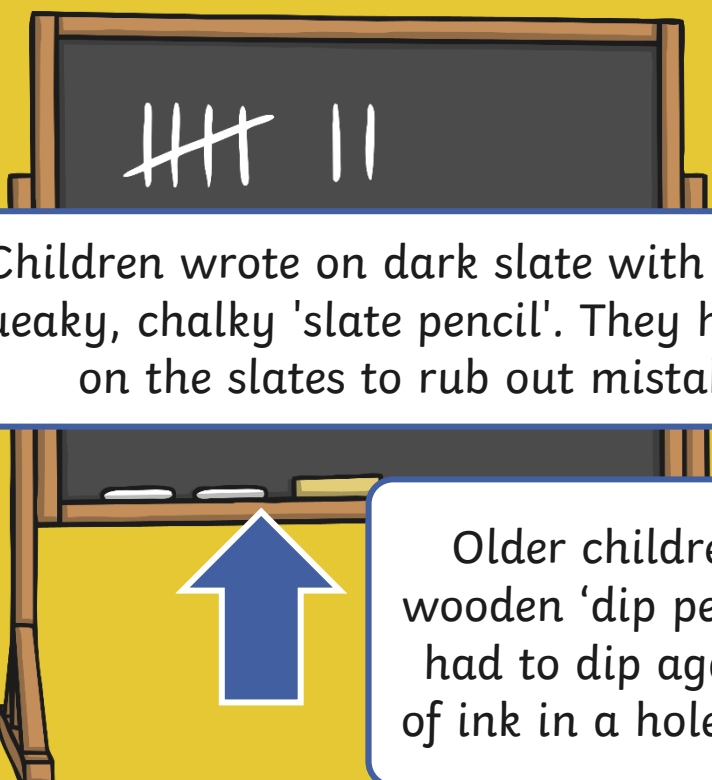
Play this fun group [bingo/lotto game](#) to read and learn key words related to schools in the past

Create new words from the topic words,
using this fun [Words within Words PowerPoint Game](#).


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What Equipment Was Used in the Past?

Click on each object to read some information.



Children wrote on dark slate with a white squeaky, chalky 'slate pencil'. They had to spit on the slates to rub out mistakes.



Older children wrote in 'copybooks' with wooden 'dip pens'. These had metal nibs they had to dip again and again into china pots of ink in a hole in their desk called 'inkwells'.

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What Equipment Was Used in the Past?

Think about it...

What can we use to teach handwriting in schools now?

What do we use instead of dipping pens and pots of ink in schools now?

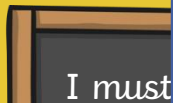
Try it...

Write about the people, equipment and objects from schools in the past, using these [Writing Frames](#) and this [Word Mat](#).

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What Punishments Were There in the Past?

Click on each object to read some information.



They were whacked with a wooden ruler on the back of their heads when they were late.

There were strict punishments for children. No one wanted to be the 'class dunce' – this would mean sitting in the corner wearing the dunce's cap. The tall pointed paper hat usually had the letter 'D' or the word 'Dunce' written on it, which meant 'stupid person'.

I must not chatter in lesson time one hundred times if they were caught talking.

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What Punishments Were There in the Past?

Talk about it...

What punishments are there at home or at school now?

What do you have as a reward?

Watch it...

Here is a short animated [video clip](#) about school life in 100 years ago.

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What Was the Teaching and Learning Like in the Past?

Click on each object to read some information.

Some schools taught crafts or trades in the afternoons that would be useful in later life, but would be different for girls and boys.

Children took part in PE lessons called 'drills'. They had to march to the spot, do simple stretches and swing big wooden clubs around.

Pupils who behaved well, were given rewards including 'Bell Ringer', 'Ink Mark'.

Teachers were very strict and there were sometimes more than 60 children in a class! Boys and girls were taught separately if the school was big.



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What Was the Teaching and Learning Like in the Past?

Children went to school 100 hundred years ago, like we do today, but the classroom equipment and lessons were very different. A lot of the equipment we use now had not even been invented then.

Talk about it...

What do you use now that would not have been in schools 100 years ago?

Compare it...

Sort the pictures or write words in the Venn diagram using this [Comparing Schools Activity Sheet](#).

Use these [Page Borders](#) to write about the similarities and differences between schools then and now.

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