

Victorian Wash Day

Session takes approx. 75 mins

Aims:

- To learn about homes in the past and how the majority of jobs were done by hand.
- To try out different objects that would have been used in the past.

Session breakdown:

The session will be divided into three parts: **Storytime**, **Circus of Activities** and **Creative Activity**.

Storytime:

Imagine a world before all our machines! Poor Mary the maid has got a very busy wash day ahead of her today! Are you ready to help her?

The children are taken through each step of wash day, using original artefacts and role play.

Circus of Activities:

Dressed up in mop caps and aprons the children are challenged to do the wash day jobs! Children will work in groups to have a go with the historic objects: washing and scrubbing, mangling, ironing, pegging and folding the clothes.

Creative Activity:

The session is concluded by the whole class making felt washing line pictures to take home.

Curriculum Links:

- History: Changes within living memory & continuity and change