



Victorians and electricity

Year Four Further Reading List Autumn 1

Book	Author	Blurb
<i>Charging About: The Story of Electricity</i>	<i>A&C Black Childrens & Educational</i>	This series uses cartoon style illustrations and humorous narrative text to make key topics in Science accessible and engaging. This approach encourages children to read about and understand complex ideas. This is the story of how electrical energy is generated in a power station, how it travels through pylons, power cables and wires until it reaches towns and homes. We learn how electrical current is created and how it is made safe. This book also contains an experiment, more great facts to know, useful websites and an index.
<i>Electronics for Kids: A Lighthearted Introduction: Play with Simple Circuits and Experiment with Electricity!</i>	<i>Øyvind Dahl</i>	<p>Why does the light in your bedroom turn on when you flip a switch? How does a remote controlled car move? And how do the blinking lights on your TV and microwave work, anyway? The technology in your house may seem magical, but most of it wouldn't run without electricity.</p> <p><i>Electronics for Kids</i> demystifies electricity and teaches you to build awesome electronics projects, all on your own. First, you'll learn how circuits, voltage, and current work, and then you'll apply that knowledge in hands-on projects. Each part of the book focuses on different fundamental electronics concepts.</p>
<i>Street Child</i>	<i>Berlie Doherty</i>	This novel is a very popular choice for KS2 classes. Loosely based on a true story, <i>Street Child</i> is the inspirational tale of a poor Victorian boy fighting for survival on the grim streets of Victorian London. The novel is full of suspense and is a gripping read that will captivate pupils and teachers alike.
<i>Gaslight</i>	<i>Eloise Williams</i>	A change from the many stories set in Victorian London, this popular new novel finds its setting in nineteenth-century Cardiff. With a gripping plot from start to finish, this book tells the story of a young girl called Nansi, who tries to survive the bleak reality of being impoverished and female in the perilous streets of Victorian England. The cast of characters, each with their own quests and secrets, shines out exuberantly against the grimy backdrop of the setting. We love the richly evocative narrative that seamlessly immerses readers into its extraordinary world and leaves them desperate for more.
<i>Rose Champion and the Stolen Secret</i>	<i>Lyn Gardner</i>	The murky streets of nineteenth-century London meet the lively Victorian music hall in this gripping historical novel containing murder, mystery and a quest for identity. Rose Champion is an orphan who has been drawn into the glamorous world of musical theatre. One day, when a popular actor mysteriously disappears, the veneer of the colourful music hall scene begins to fall apart and Rose must use all of her skills and resources to face the troubling reality of the crime and grime of Victorian London.
<i>Hetty Feather</i>	<i>Jacqueline Wilson</i>	This story by the popular children's author Jacqueline Wilson has recently been made into a television series on CBBC. <i>Hetty Feather</i> tells the story of a Victorian orphan girl called Hetty and the adventures she has under the strict rule of the matron at the Foundling Hospital where she is sent to learn to become a maid.