Year Group	4 Area of Study Ste	eel City and the Industrial Revolution
Key NC	To develop more independence in carrying out investigations including posing their own questions and	
Reference	organising their work.	
and	To address and sometimes devise historically valid questions	
Objectives	To understand how knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources	
Objectives	4.2 To be able to use evidence to find out about the past in the local area.	
Possible	- The Industrial revolution was a good thing that changed the world: agree or disagree?	
Enquiry	- Steel City: a true legacy Discuss!	
Questions	- How do we know about the Sheffield Steel industry and what life was like at this time?	
4	- What was it like to be poor during the industrial revolution, in Sheffield?	
	- How did the Industrial Revolution change the life of people over time?	
Key	Substantive	2 <sup>nd</sup> Order
Concepts	LEGACY	Chronology
	Society and civilisation (what is life like?)	Enquiry  CHANGE AND CONTINUITY
	Poverty Revolution	CHANGE AND CONTINUITY
Kov	The process of making products using machines	labour: work
Key	and factories	Cholera: a serious disease or illness
Vocabulary	<ul> <li>Industrial Revolution: A time of great change in</li> </ul>	spread by contaminated water
Same Silver	Britain between 1750 to 1900 when machinery	<ul> <li>Locomotive: a powered railway vehicle</li> </ul>
100 100 00 100 00 00 00 100 100 100 100	and factories became more important in making	used for pulling trains
100 10 10 10 10 10 0 0 10 160 100 10 10 10 10 10 0 0 10 160 10 10 10 10 10 10 0 0 10 160	things, taking over from farming	Invention: Something new which is
	Population: The number of people living in a	created, can be an object or an idea
	particular place	Canal: used to transport goods on
	Economy: The system of how money is used	canal barges
	within a particular country	Privy: a toilet located in a small shed
	Agriculture: The process of producing food, and	outside a house or other building
	fibres by farming of certain plants or raising	Back to back houses: two houses
	animals- farming	joined together at the back with no
	Poverty: The lack of basic human needs such as	back doors or windows
	clean water, nutrition, healthcare, education and	Crucible: A metal container and a
	shelter	technique for making steel
	Sanitation: Sanitation is the system that disposes	Bessemer Convertor: a machine for
	of human waste (Toilets and drains etc)	making steel
	Over crowding: too many people living in a house	Stainless Steel: A type of steel that
	or in a particular place or too many houses	won't go rusty- good for making cutlery
	crowded together.	<ul> <li>Iron: a type of strong, hard silvery</li> </ul>
	Child Labour – The use of young children to	metal
	provide cheap staff to work in the factories, often	Little Mesters: Mester meant master
	in dangerous conditions.	and the little mesters were craftsmen
	Workhouses – a place where poor people were	who worked alone and rented small
	offered a place to stay and food in return for	workshops to make their products.
	working	Buffer Girls: a Buffer girl was a worker
	Villager: someone who lives in a village in the	in the Sheffield cutlery industry who
	country	used the polishing machinery on steel
	Rural: life in the country	tableware: a hot and dirty job that
	Urban: life in the city  Conitalists a paragraph who were their weelth to invest.	required protective clothing
	Capitalist: a person who uses their wealth to invest in trade and industry to make lete of manage.	Mass production: making lots of  products in the same way in a year.
	in trade and industry to make lots of money	products in the same way in a very quick time
		quick time
Core	Knowledge about the Industrial Revolution:	I.
Substantive	The Industrial Revolution began in Great Britain and spread to the rest of the world.	
	The Industrial Revolution was a time in British history where the country changed hugely from a	
Knowledge	mostly rural society to an industrial one.	
for	This means that many British people moved from living in small towns and villages, where they	
teachers	were farmers, to huge cities, where they worked in places such as factories or mills.	
	It is called a revolution because it was such a huge change. The birth of the Industrial Revolution	
	is the birth of the modern world that we know today.	
	The industrial revolution was a period of Railway Mania	
	By 1870, there were 100 000 steam engines at work in Britain.	
	The number of coalfields doubled between 1851 and 1881.	

- In 1830, the first public railway between Liverpool and Manchester opened. In 1900, there were 22 000 miles of railway in Britain!
- In 1801, only about 20% of the population lived in towns. By 1851, it was over 50% and by 1881 about two thirds of the population lived in towns.

There were six main factors that came together to create the Industrial Revolution: Population growth, Agriculture needed to create more food, the growth of factories, improvements in transport, the growing British Empire meant more trade across the world and the use of water to power machines

#### To know what life was like in Victorian times:

- Living conditions
- Life in the workhouse
- Conditions in factories
- Jobs undertaken by children
- People had long working hours: normal shifts were usually 12-14 hours a day, with extra time required during busy periods. Many children worked in factories.
- They got very low wages: a typical wage for male workers was about 15 shillings (75p) a week, but women and children were paid much less, with children three shillings (15p). For this reason, employers preferred to employ women and children.
- People working in factories, particularly for children were treated badly: there was frequent "strapping" (hitting with a leather strap). Other punishments included nailing children's ears to the table, and dowsing them in water butts to keep them awake.
- Children often had accidents and died because they were forced to crawl into dangerous, unguarded machinery.
- Health: The air was full of dust, which led to chest and lung diseases and loud noise made by machines damaged workers' hearing.
- Overcrowding: due to large numbers of people moving to the cities, there were not enough houses for all these people to live in. Rooms were rented to whole families – often 10-12 people lived in one room.
- Waste disposal: gutters were filled with litter. Human waste was discharged directly into the sewers, which flowed straight into rivers.
- Poor quality housing: houses were built very close together so there was little light or fresh air inside them. They did not have running water and people found it difficult to keep clean.
- Lack of fresh water: people could get water from a variety of places, such as streams, wells and stand pipes, but this water was often polluted by human waste.
- Most houses did not have running water or toilets in many streets, up to 100 houses had to share a water pump and an outside toilet.

**The impact of disease**: typhus, typhoid, tuberculosis and cholera all existed in the cities of England. Overcrowding, low standard housing and poor quality water supplies all helped spread disease. Many people died. John Shaw proved Cholera spread through infected water in 1854.

## **Steel City**

- Sheffield is famous for its steel industry
- Sheffield was the first established as an Anglo Saxon village, after the Romans left Britain.
- It became a city in 1893.
- The steel industry dates back to at least the 14th century.
- By 1600, Sheffield became the biggest producer of cutlery outside of London.
- In 1740 Benjamin Huntsman discovered the crucible technique for steel manufacture, at his workshop in the district of Handsworth. This process had an enormous impact on the quantity and quality of steel production and was only made obsolete, a century later. (The Crucible is named after this process)
- In 1856 Henry Bessemer's invention of the Bessemer converter allowed the true mass production of steel.
- Bessemer had moved his Bessemer Steel Company to Sheffield to be at the heart of the industry. Thomas Boulsover invented Sheffield Plate (silver-plated copper), in the early 18th century.
- A major Sheffield steel invention was that of stainless steel by Harry Brearley in 1912, and the
  work of Profs. F. B. Pickering and T. Gladman throughout the 1960s, '70s, and '80s was vital to
  the development of modern high strength low alloy steels.
- In 1916 an elephant called Lizzie was used in the steel industry. During her time in the city, Lizzie became a legend. She was loved by everyone and won a place in the heart of every resident in Sheffield.

She was often seen plodding through the city's streets, up and down the city's hills, venturing between factories to ensure Sheffield's furnaces continued to roar before resting in her stable at what is now the Hancock & Lant building on Lady's Bridge

 Sheffield is built upon seven hills and has the waters of five rivers running through it; including the Don, Sheaf and the Porter Brook. Sheffield moved goods using canals. Then along came the railways and in 1873 the first trams were introduced to Sheffield. They were horse drawn trams which were later replaced in 1899 by electric trams.

In 1994 the Supertrams came to Sheffield

### Important events or inventions

1767 Richard Arkwright invented a machine powered by water to spin cotton.

1776: James Hargreaves invented the Spinning Jenny, which spun lots of balls of yarn at once to make cloth.

1778 – James Watt's steam engine invented

1784 – The power loom is invented

1800s – A range of inventions are created that change the way products are made and how people do their jobs

1800s – Factories start to be opened across the country, offering jobs that previously didn't exist 1825: Stephenson invented the Locomotive, which was a high pressure steam engine, used to move goods quickly on a railway line.

1833: Factory Act banned children under 9 from working and they had to have 2 hours of education 1844: Factory Act - 3 hours of education for all children under 13

1855 - Bessemer Steam Engine is created

### **Important People**

James Watt: Joseph Locke

Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Sir Henry Bessemer

Charles Dickens

Robert Peel: created the first Police Force in 1829

Dr John Shaw: proved that Cholera spread through contaminated water in 1854 because of living conditions

Queen Victoria: was the queen from 1837-1901

# Core Knowledge: 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Knowledge

## Enquiry linked to the Steel Industry in Sheffield:

- Uses documents, printed sources, the internet, databases, pictures, photos, music, artefacts, historic buildings and visits to collect information about the past.
- Asks questions such as 'what was it like for a ..... during .....?'

### Chronology

- Uses words and phrases: century, decade, CE/BCE, BC, AD, after, before, during.
- Divides recent history into present, using 21st century, and the past using 19th and 20th centuries.
- Names and places dates of significant events from past on a timeline.
- Decide on a suitable scale for their timelines and begin plot the points with increasing accuracy.

## Possible Activities to consider

- Use a range of sources: maps, photos and drawings (both secondary and primary) to find out about the steel industry in Sheffield
- · Drama, freeze frames and hot seating
- Diary writing of child workers in the steel industry
- The similarities and differences of cities, towns and villages
- Research about different important inventions and their legacy
- Drama and role play about child workers and life in the workhouse
- Victorian day with child workers and children at school
- Fact files
- Creating timelines
- Explore similarities between past and present and rich and poor: Compare modern day with Victorian Schools or life as a child
- Visit to Kelham Island

#### **Assessment**

Through assessment of pupils work, quizzes, assessment pieces and observations during class discussions, assess:

- Pupils have a good body of knowledge (identified as core knowledge by the teacher) about the industrial revolution, life in Victorian Times for children in particular and key events and significant people within the development of Sheffield's Steel industry
- Pupils understand the reasons for the industrial revolution and how life changed during this time
- Pupils have used evidence and key knowledge to reflect on the legacy of the industrial revolution and the development of the Steel Industry in Sheffield.
- Pupils can draw conclusions from a range of evidence.

# Links

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-40669159

https://www.mylearning.org/resources/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-young-sheffield-steel-worker-in-victorian-times

(Audio account)

 $\underline{https://www.mylearning.org/stories/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-young-sheffield-steel-worker/resources}$ 

(Excellent site for resources)

https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/news/nr/lizzie-elephant-sheffield-steel-industry-1.588712







