

# Victorian schools

Victorian children went to school from 9 o'clock until 12 o'clock. Then they went home for lunch. Some children had to stay at school and eat a packed lunch. These children lived too far from school to go home at lunchtime. Afternoon school was from 2 o'clock until 5 o'clock.

The children learned to read, to write and to do arithmetic. Older children also learned to draw and about plants.

Classes could be large. Some children were in a class with over 100 other children. The teacher chose monitors. Monitors were older children who could teach other children.

Children wrote on slates. They had copybooks for learning handwriting. The teacher wrote with chalk onto the blackboard. The blackboard had lines on it for handwriting exercises.

