

Victorian Kitchen

Queen Victoria may not be amused, but we're certainly happy – it's another keyhole mystery!



Time for tea
Are these the sort of plates the children use at home? They're rather fancy. Maybe they belong to someone who can afford nice things...

We are not amused
Hmmm, this doesn't look like our current Queen. Perhaps this painting is of a British monarch from the past – but which one?

Time for pudding
Mmmm, is someone in the process of making apple pie? Yummy! Who could be preparing such a delicious dish?

Blow it!
Bellows are quite an old-fashioned implement to find in a kitchen. What do the children think they are used for?

Cop-per load of this!
What a lot of shiny pots! What could they be made of? Where's the steel and aluminium we're used to today?

Ready, steady, cook
No microwave? I don't much like the idea of using this old thing, especially without oven gloves! And I wonder why the person isn't using an electric kettle to boil their water...

Food for thought
Shouldn't some of this food be kept in the fridge? Come to think of it, where is the fridge? And what about all the other mod cons you'd expect to find in a typical kitchen?

This fantastic interactive resource is available at www.scholastic.co.uk/childedplus. Best viewed full screen on an interactive whiteboard, children can move the keyhole around the scene to reveal different sections of the picture. By examining what they see through the keyhole, children will build up a picture of the room and its owner, via the different objects and details. Also online is a black and white version of the illustration. And don't miss the traditional toyshop in next month's issue! ■