

The **Great Exhibition** in **1851** was the first international exhibition of manufactured products. It was organised by Prince Albert, and held in a Crystal Palace in Hyde Park, London. The main idea of the exhibition was to show off the strength of the British Empire and encourage the sale of the products made as a result of our growing empire.

Year 8 have been on a journey through the Industrial Revolution, learning about the growth of factories, Britain's influence around the world and The Slave Trade. We have been looking at this from the perspective of the British Empire considering all the way through our learning 'how Britain benefited and some people suffered as a result of our growth the biggest empire the world has ever seen'.

The end of our topic is the Great Exhibition, where the students got into groups and were given a company / product they needed to sell. The competition was to see which group could make the most money. There was some tough negotiating and brave deals being made to our visiting buyers who were given a chequebook to spend, spend, spend!

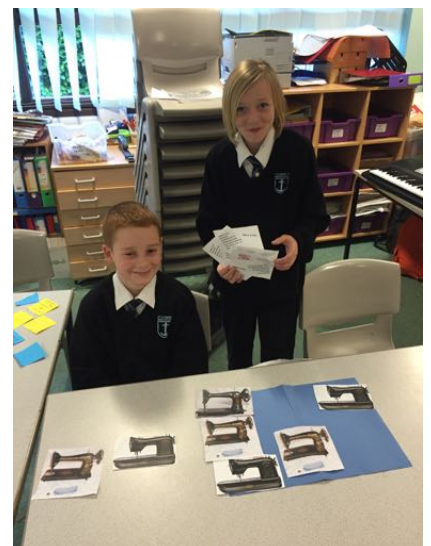


Our Cadbury Companies:

For example, we discovered how horrific experiences of the slaves were during the trade, but a result of the hard, horrible work in the plantations of America produced sugar, which led to the growth of luxuries like chocolate and biscuits in Britain. This helped lead to the creation of Cadbury.



As well as Cadbury, our exhibition saw the sale of **Singer Sewing Machines** that even today are seen as a luxury brand. Our Singer companies were able to offer different types of products to our buyers and negotiated bulk buying deals.



Some of our other companies in the Great exhibition:



Terry's luxury clocks
ranging in size and quality,
and of course price!

We found the White Star Line buyers liked our clocks; they told us they had something Titanic in mind for the future!
Wonder what they had in mind?



Chickering and Sons:

Specialised in pianos, small and grand. This company wouldn't have been nearly as successful had it not been for the potential sales market the British Empire offered them, as well as some of the great negotiating skills, particularly getting an extra £500 from Mr Duce by offering him an exclusivity deal.



BISCUITS BISCUITS BISCUITS:

Similarly to Cadbury, our biscuit company was able to use this new sugar and other raw materials from the Empire countries to make biscuits and other new products like hot chocolate, coffee and a revolutionary idea of adding sugar to tea! A fantastic shop set up and great deals made.



Thanks to our visitors too, for helping to bring our Great Exhibition to life, Mr Modica