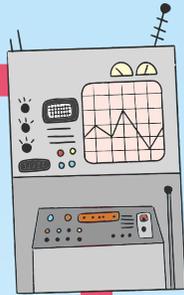


THE MARVELLOUS MODERN YEARS!



1967

We have our first ever computer! That's right, there was a time when all our office work used to be done using a pen, some paper and our own memory!



HI LEO! The world's first office computer was called LEO and he was used by British catering firm J Lyons & Co. to do stock-taking, food ordering and payroll.

Imagine a world with no live streaming, no handheld devices and no Google to answer all your craziest questions... welcome to your guardian or parents' childhood!



2019

WaterAid has now provided 27 million people with clean water, 27 million with decent toilets and 20 million people with good hygiene, and counting...



2021

The year we celebrate our 175th birthday – how on earth are we going to fit all the candles on our cake?! We have had a long and proud history and looked after so many pipes that if we laid them flat, they'd end up in Madagascar!



1969

While Neil Armstrong and his Apollo 11 crew make history with their moon landing, we complete our own mission: to supply clean drinking water to half of the people in Bristol via our Purton Treatment Works. It's still delivering clean, fresh water to folks to this day!



1976

Bristol experiences the driest weather on record for more than 200 years – good job we worked so hard building all those lovely lakes to keep us hydrated! A hosepipe ban is put in place to secure our water supplies.

WOW! Temperatures hit 34.5C during the drought of 1976 – it was so dry, bridges and buildings submerged in reservoirs began to reappear!



2018

The Southern Resilience Scheme gets underway as Bristol Water lays a pipeline long enough to stretch nearly all the way from Bristol to Weston-super-Mare! The pipe goes through a whopping five towns and improves water supply for customers in Somerset.

1989

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher privatises the water industry and adds new rules. Bristol Water are already a private water supply company but have to work to the new rules.



1981

WaterAid (Bristol Water's charity partner) was officially established after members of the UK water industry met at a conference called the Thirsty Third World.



60 second history quiz!

- Q Neil Armstrong was the 1st person to walk on the moon, but who was the 2nd?
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- Q How long was Margaret Thatcher the Prime Minister?
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- Q How old will WaterAid be in 2021?
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