

The Victorians

Year Six

Autumn Term

Our topic this term is 'The Victorians'; we will be exploring a wealth of areas to do with this era. These will include: the Royal Family; the British Empire; inventions, architecture, trade and transport in Victorian Britain; rural and urban lifestyles; the Victorian Christmas; life for both rich and poor Victorian children; workhouses; important figures such as Dr. Barnardo, Charles Dickens and William Morris.

In P.E. we will be learning and developing games skills through football and hockey, and will also be focusing on improving our strength and fitness through gymnastics and the 'daily mile'.

In Music lessons the children will be continuing to play the recorder and as part of our topic, they will learn about music from the Victorian era. In addition to this, we will look at a range of musical genres throughout history.

Many of our English activities will follow our topic of 'The Victorians'; we will base some of our learning around texts set in Victorian times, including extracts from *Oliver Twist* and *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Some of the text types that we will cover are short stories (including writing effective descriptions of story settings and characters), diary entries, biographies and reports. We will have weekly spelling lessons and will continue to increase our knowledge of grammar and punctuation, which we can then apply in our writing. We will use our topic and PSHE work to develop our speaking and listening skills.

In Maths year 6 will develop, consolidate and extend our knowledge of place value and calculation methods to use with the four operations. We will then apply this knowledge to solve word problems. We will study a unit on fractions, comparing and ordering these, and calculating using all four operations. We will learn to describe position on the 4 quadrant co-ordinate grid and will draw, reflect and translate shapes on the co-ordinate plane.

During our R.E. lessons we will be following units entitled: 'The Gospels' and 'Kingdom of God'. We will be thinking about the sort of world that Jesus wanted to create and will use Bible stories to encourage the children to think about the way in which they behave.

In P.S.H.E. Year 6 will be considering how their emotions impact on their relationships, taking part in activities to develop positive relationships, develop their skills of co-operation and communication.

In French, we will continue to practise our conversational language and will increase our vocabulary to include talking about our interests and hobbies.

In our Science lessons in the first half term, we will be studying the topic of Evolution and Inheritance. We will be looking at how living things have changed over time, how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environments and how offspring vary and are similar to their parents. Later in the term, we will move onto the topic of Animals (including humans); this includes learning about the human circulatory system, the impact that diet, exercise and drugs have on the human body and the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals.

In Computing lessons we will refresh our understanding of e-safety. We will consolidate how to use Microsoft Word competently, and begin to use specific operations for sequencing, selection and repetition to create digital geometric art.

Also coming up later this term is our class assembly... more details to follow!