

THE VICTORIANS

YEAR FIVE

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; Dr. Barnardo, Charles Dickens, Beatrix Potter and William Morris.

During our R.E. lessons we will be following units entitled: 'The Gospels' and 'Kingdom of God'. We will use Bible stories to encourage the children to think about the way in which they lead their lives and how they treat others.

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

In Science lessons Year 5 will be learning about forces. We will discuss different types of forces such as gravity and friction and investigate how they can be both useful and a hindrance to our lives. We will also investigate properties of materials, looking at why particular materials are used in certain circumstances.

In Music lessons the children will be learning to play the recorder! They will also, as part of our topic, learn about music from the Victorian era. In Art they will be improving their drawing and painting techniques, including colour mixing. In relation to our topic they will be learning about Victorian art and artists.

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 *Smith* by Leon Garfield; *Oliver Twist* and *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty, works by Edward Lear and Lewis Carroll and *Eye of the Storm* by David Webb. Some of the text types that we will cover will include story settings, character descriptions, biographies, recounts, persuasive writing and short stories. 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 drama and speaking and listening skills.

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.

In P.S.H.E. Year 5 will be taking part in activities to develop positive relationships, develop their skills of co-operation and explore how to deal with different emotions.

In Maths year 5 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 statistics, considering how to collect, display and interpret data. We will continue to learn and apply our multiplication and division facts and we will begin to calculate the area and perimeter of both simple and compound shapes.

In French, we will continue to practise our conversational language and will learn more numbers. We will also increase our vocabulary, talking about our families.