

English: In English this half term the children will be analysing the text, *Oliver* by Charles Dickens. They will continue their learning by writing a missing chapter from the story. Following on from this, the children will then explore the dark and twisted tale of *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes. They will then write their own version of the tale. After this, the children will then be studying the *Giant's Necklace* by Michael Morpurgo.



TOPIC TITLE: The Victorians

Term: Spring 1

Year Group: 6

Trips/Visitors & cost

Victorian Day (in school) - date tbc.

PE: This term, in PE, the children will be learning throwing and catching skills through various invasion games such as dodgeball.

Art: This 'South American Art' unit will teach your class about how to make dream catchers, and how to draw an important person to create a collage.

Computing: This term we are learning to design and create digital content to accomplish goals and use search technologies effectively.

History/Geography
The children will be learning about the Victorians and will be capturing their knowledge of that period by writing non-chronological reports and character descriptions from *Oliver*. The pupils will delve into what life was like for children in those times, focusing a lot on their hardships living in the workhouses. We will also host a Victorian Day at school.

RE: Children will learn a range of creation stories from world religions, less known or extinct religions as well as different cultures whilst comparing them.

Maths: The children will be continuing with fractions for the first week back after the holidays. In between the transition between fractions and decimals, the children will spend a week learning about geometry including coordinates, translation and reflection. After this, we will return to the link between fractions, decimals and percentages where children will spot connections and patterns and reason with their known facts.

Science: This 'Evolution and Inheritance' unit looks at the evolution and the theory of Charles Darwin, as well as exploring natural selection. We also focus on palaeontologist Mary Anning and what fossils can tell us about the past. We then look at modern genetics, giving learners the opportunity to consider the morality of genetic modification.

PSHE: Soon we will be hosting an 'Aspirations week'. The children will learn about a selection of different jobs from visitors coming in.

Spanish: In this unit 'Yo Aprendo Español', children will learn to identify Spain on a map of the world., highlight famous Spanish cities, talk about other countries where Spanish is spoken and say their name in Spanish.

How you can help:

Daily Reading and Comprehension sheets.

Daily Times Tables using Times Table Rock Stars and worksheets.

HOMEWORK

This includes:

- Reading daily and completing the Reading Record (Bug Club).
- Practice Times Tables (Times Tables Rock Stars)
- Practice spellings regularly
- Project work
 - Choose as little or as many as you like from the choices on offer. Hand them in when you choose within the Half Term. Children can share at Show & Tell.
- Access remote learning (Microsoft TEAMS) and complete online activities.

The children can create any project based on our topic, **The Victorians**. Ideas could include:

1. Power Point
2. Minecraft
3. Building a structure
4. 3D model
5. Plan a journey on a map to the Arctic
6. Collage of a frozen kingdom
7. Artistic
8. Information booklet
9. Diary from the perspective of a Victorian.

YEAR GROUP SPELLING LIST

accommodate	category	determined	forty	marvellous	programme	soldier
accompany	cemetery	develop	frequently	mischievous	pronunciation	stomach
according	committee	dictionary	government	muscle	queue	sufficient
achieve	communicate	disastrous	guarantee	necessary	recognise	suggest
aggressive	community	embarrass	harass	neighbour	recommend	symbol
amateur	competition	environment	hindrance	nuisance	relevant	system
ancient	conscience	equipment	identity	occupy	restaurant	temperature
apparent	conscious	equipped	immediate	occur	rhyme	thorough
appreciate	controversy	especially	immediately	opportunity	rhythm	twelfth
attached	convenience	exaggerate	individual	parliament	sacrifice	variety
available	correspond	excellent	interfere	persuade	secretary	vegetable
average	criticise	existence	interrupt	physical	shoulder	vehicle
awkward	curiosity	explanation	language	prejudice	signature	yacht
bargain	definite	familiar	leisure	privilege	sincere	
bruise	desperate	foreign	lightning	profession	sincerely	