



Victorian Schools and Inventions



Autumn Term 1 Wednesday 4th Sept– Friday 18th Oct

English: To begin the term, we will be learning how to write descriptions, focussing on choice of adjectives and the use of similes. We will progress to writing stories based in familiar settings, trying to extend our sentences and using a variety of sentence structures in our writing. We will be learning about different word classes. Following on, we will be learning how to write a non-chronological report, linked to our topic of Victorians. We will be organising our writing for the purpose, and beginning to use a greater range of punctuation. Finally we will be writing instructions.

Spellings: We will work on spelling patterns in our English lessons. Common exception words for individual year groups will also be focussed on.

Reading: Children will take part in Phonics or Guided reading sessions across the week and we will work on fluency, inference, deduction and literal retrieval skills.

Our Creative curriculum will focus on the following:

Art Design: We will be studying racing scenes by Degas and Manet, learning about paint techniques and practising our colouring mixing skills in order to produce our own versions of the scenes.

DT: This term we will be making picture frames.

Music: Karl will be teaching music in Woodpeckers this term.

Homework: We would like to encourage everyone to read their book every day for homework. We cannot stress enough the importance of developing fluency in reading and comprehending the story.

Please listen to your child read and record in their reading records.

Books can be changed once a week, as long as we are certain that the child can read the book fluently.

All children will have Maths homework also.

Autumn Term 2 Tuesday 29th Oct– Thursday 19th Dec

Maths: Learning in Maths will focus on a variety of areas across the term. We will begin by developing understanding of the place value of number, practising counting in steps and then move onto developing our understanding of addition and subtraction calculations. Across the term, learning will also focus on multiplication and division, the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, fractions and measures. From Year 2 onwards, children will be able to log into TT Rockstars and will be encouraged to practise their times tables regularly. Times tables will be tested weekly. Year 2 will still have access to NumBots.

Science– The topic for the term is Light. The children will be learning about light and dark, reflection and shadows. We will be exploring shadows and investigating how they are made and patterns in the way that the size of the shadow changes. Scientific enquiry will be a focus and the children will be encouraged to make careful observations and measurements.



History: Victorians: Schools and Inventions

As historians, we will be answering the questions: Who was Queen Victoria? What was school like in the Victorian Era? How did education change the lives of the poor? What key inventions impacted the lives of the Victorians? What was the Great Exhibition?

Geography: Rivers

As geographers, we will be learning about the different parts of a river and how a river can change the landscape through the process of erosion. We will compare a river in Jamaica with the River Thames.

PE: Please make sure that your child has a PE kit available for lessons. All items must be clearly named.