

The pain of parting is nothing to the joys of meeting again. And so the Year begins...Please Sir! Can I have some more holiday? Please Sir! Can I have some more holiday?

Literacy- Gotta pick a pocket or two

During this term the children will be writing character descriptions with a Twist. We will be looking at the book Oliver Twist in our guided reading sessions and analysing the characters in detail. The children will then go on to write their own narrative, based on the Victorian era. We will then dive in to writing diaries from different points of view. With a splash of drama, art and music we have all we need to pick a pocket or two.



Please continue to read the exciting new reading scheme books at home, asking your child questions about the texts.

Numeracy

Children will learn about the place value system and write and order digits correctly. They will use various resources, including money and put them into context thinking about word problems. We will be using the Mastery Maths resources to ‘push’ the children on when they need it. **Please encourage children to continue to learn their multiplication tables for their weekly tests using RockStars Timetables.**



Science: ‘Properties of Materials’

Children will become a Mad Scientist, experimenting with various materials and finding out about their properties.



Geography/ History:

Our topic is ‘Vicious Victorians’ this term. We will be taking the class on a journey through history, learning about Victorians and their daily life in school, home and work.

ICT:

The children will learn about Online safety and how to keep themselves safe. They will also learn about coding. The children will design a game and learn how to change and set the variables appropriately. They will create loops in the coding and understand how to show that vehicles move at different speeds. They will then review the game with a friend and discuss how they can improve it.



RE: Religions in our Community

The children will learn about the different religions that make up our community.



Design and Technology:

The children will be designing and creating a Victorian Theatre and performing their plays to the class, in groups.

Art:

We will be looking at the various art work of William Morris in the Victorian era. The children will analyse pieces of his work and then create a wallpaper design based on his images, thinking about tone and colour.





Music:

We continue to use the Charanga music scheme. The children will learn to keep a beat and use the music studio successfully, exploring various instruments and thinking about their pitch. We will listen to various music from both now and the Victorian era and discuss how it makes us feel, responding to it appropriately. In Year 5 we will be learning the song 'Living on a Prayer' and in Year 6 the children will be learning; 'I'll be there'.

P.E.

Games and PE lessons will be on a Thursday and Friday in Year 5 and on a Monday and Friday in Year 6. Please make sure you have the correct kit for both indoor and outdoor lessons.



PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education):

In PSHE, we will be using a new scheme of work, SCARF. Children will be thinking about Relationships and Valuing Differences.

Guided Reading and Spellings:

The children will be taking part in guided reading sessions weekly and will be given spellings to learn. These spellings will then be tested at the end of each half term. Please continue to help your children learn all of their spellings, breaking them down into easier weekly spellings of 10. The guided reading will be based on Oliver Twist for this term.

Homework:

The children will be set weekly homework on a Wednesday which needs to be handed in on the following Monday. Please encourage your children to take the time to carry out high quality homework that is completed by themselves. I want to know what your child can do and how imaginative they can be with the tasks set.

Years 5 and 6



Curriculum

Autumn 1

Vicious Victorians