

The Victorians

Year 6 Autumn 2018

HISTORY

This term, our topic is the Victorian era. As part of our studies, we will be learning about -

- Queen Victoria's reign and her family
- Being a child in Victorian England
- The Industrial Revolution
- The British Empire, and
- A Victorian Christmas

MATHS

We will look at traditional methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division including column multiplication and long division. We will look at the place value of numbers up to 10,000,000 and study how negative numbers can be used in context. We will continue to practise the Multiplication Tables and addition/subtraction Learn Its to encourage speed and accuracy in our calculations. We will study fractions of shapes and finding fractions of amounts, along with adding/subtracting/multiplying fractions, including those with difference denominators. We will look at reasoning problems to practise using our calculation skills in context.

ART

We will study the work of William Morris and the children will create Victorian art work in his style.

PE

Throughout the Autumn term, we will be covering a variety of games and skills in PE. To begin with, we will be working on our Gymnastics and Rugby skills. In Gymnastics, our focus will be on using the skills we have to construct sequences, whilst in Rugby we will be learning how to pass and will develop our skills using Tag Rugby.

ICT

We will continue to develop and practise our coding skills using software such as Scratch and Code-it. They will use ICT to research our topic.

LITERACY

Our texts for the first half-term will include Cogheart and Street Child, fiction novels based in the Victorian era. The children should continue to read regularly and record this in their reading record. The children will receive weekly spellings looking at the week's spelling rule and words taken from the Year 5/6 Spelling List from the National Curriculum. We will cover various aspects of grammar including parts of sentences, speech punctuation and pronouns. Various genres of writing will be covered including persuasion, letters, diaries and newspapers.

MUSIC

We are going to be working on our skills of listening to and appraising different elements of music. We will then be applying the knowledge we have gained to use instruments ourselves, including to begin composing small elements of our own.

SCIENCE

We are learning about how all living things can be classified, using Aristotle and Linaeus' systems. We are revising organising living things according to whether they are mammal/amphibian/reptile etc. and looking at how micro-organisms are also living things and what they need to grow. After half term, we will study Evolution and Inheritance and look at ideas such as adaptation in different living things.

RE

RE Units will be taught from the Come and See program. Our first unit will be called Loving and looks at how Jesus used the story of the Prodigal Son to demonstrate God's unconditional love for us. In Vocation and Commitment we will study what happens when a priest is ordained and we also have a special focus on Judaism.

Homework will be given on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday. If you would like to see either of us we are usually available straight after school: if we are not there, please do make an appointment with the school office. We are looking forward to working with you!