

Year 2 Newsletter



Autumn 2 2018

We have a busy half term ahead of us with our exciting new topic, **Victorians** and of course Christmas is fast approaching. All children have settled really well now and look so grown up as our oldest children of the school setting a good example to the younger children! The weather is sure to get colder now over the coming weeks so if your child brings a hat, scarf and/or gloves to school, please do make sure that all their items are clearly labelled with their name. It really does make it easier for us to get lost items back to their rightful owners. Many thanks in advance for your help. As always, please do take advantage of visiting your child's classroom after school as they are open until 4pm everyday [except Mondays] so that you can see for yourself what children have been getting up to!

**Mrs Harford Smyth [Acting KS1 Leader]
Miss Ellis [Class 7], Miss Ainger [Class 8] and Miss Gallagher [Class 9]**

Key Diary Dates

Week	Date	Event
1	Mon 5th Nov	INSET Day
	Tues 6th Nov	School Opens Flu Immunisations
2	w/c 12th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week Book Fair [open until 4pm on Monday and Wednesday and during Parent/Carer Meetings on Tuesday and Thursday]
	Tues 13th Nov	Parent/Carer Meetings
	Weds 14th Nov	Cinema Trip
	Thurs 15th Nov	Parent/Carer Meetings
	Fri 16th Nov	Children in Need
4	Thurs 29th Nov	Phonics Information Meeting [5.15pm]
	Fri 30th Nov	Phonics Information Meeting [9am]
5	Weds 5th Dec	Sudbury Trip: Class 8 and 1/2 of Class 7
	Thurs 6th Dec	Sudbury Trip: Class 9 and 1/2 of Class 7
7	Mon 17th Dec	Class 7 Christmas Production [4pm]
	Tues 18th Dec	Class 8 Christmas Production [4pm]
	Weds 19th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day Class 9 Christmas Production [4pm]
	Thurs 20th Dec	Tea and Toast Christmas Jumper and Party Day Party lunch for children School closes for Christmas
	Fri 21st Dec	INSET Day



The Head's Tea focus for this half term will be:
RESILIENCE!



This term our topic is . . . Victorians

Over the term, children will be encouraged to develop skills related to each curriculum area through specific focusses as shown below:

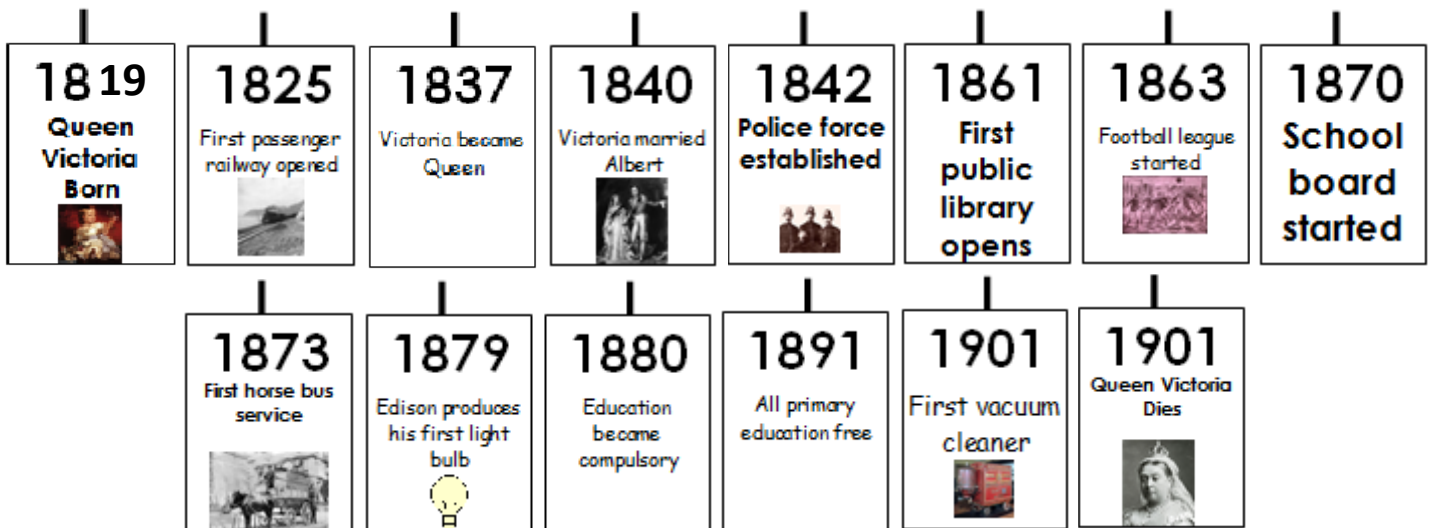
<p><u>Scientists</u> Materials and their properties</p>	<p><u>Historians</u> Toys, differences between rich and poor Victorians, Thomas Cook and trains</p>	<p><u>Computer Scientists</u> Recognising common uses of technology beyond school and E-Safety</p>
<p><u>Sports Players</u> Indoor: Gymnastics Outdoor: Games</p>	<p><u>Artists</u> Remembrance Day and William Morris</p>	<p><u>Designers</u> Soup making and making lanterns</p>
<p><u>Understanding Learners</u> Celebrations; birthdays, Christmas stories, Diwali</p>	<p><u>Citizens</u> Anti-bullying and people who help us</p>	<p><u>Musicians</u> Instruments and Christmas performance songs</p>
	<p><u>Explorers</u> Human and physical features</p>	

You will receive a weekly letter to tell you how children are learning to become better readers, writers and mathematicians!



Timeline of Events

Please learn the timeline of key events associated with the Victorian era to help your child's learning in school:



Key Vocabulary:

Queen Victoria, dunce, reign, monarch, carbolic soap, dolly, carpet beater, washboard, wealthy, Governess, cane, Boarding School.