



Victorians—schools and inventions



Autumn Term:
1st Half Term
6th September – 21st October

Autumn Term:
2nd Half Term
31st October – 16th December

In our **PSHE** lessons, we will be learning about how we can aim high and become resilient children and learners with a positive mindset.

On Wednesday afternoons, Mrs Simpson will be teaching **German** to Year 3, whilst Year 2 have some special literacy time with Mrs Buddle and Mrs Barmby. **PE** lessons will be on Friday mornings as well with Mr Barron.

In **RE** the focus will be: Hinduism in the first half term and Islam in the second. We will be learning about the nature of worship in both of these religions.

Science: As scientists, we will be learning about light. We will be learning about light and dark, reflections and shadows, looking at how we use light to see, how reflections and shadows are formed and investigating how shadows change during the day. We will be doing some practical investigations.

More about our other curriculum areas:

History: Victorian Children and Inventions

We will be answering the questions: What was the development of school entitlement? What was school like in the Victorian Era? How did education change the lives of the poor? What were the key inventions that impacted on the lives of Victorian people?

Geography: Rivers

We will use the language of rivers e.g. erosion, deposition, transportation. Explain and present the process of rivers. Compare how river use has changed over time and research the impact on trade in history.

Art: Inspirational Artists

We will be learning to use powder paint to mix secondary and tertiary colours and looking at the paintings of Degas and Manet

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Linked to our history, we will be making frames, since the Victorians invented photography.

Homework:

This term homework will be given out on a Wednesday and will need to be handed in on a Monday. Weekly homework will consist of: **Reading, Spellings, Times Tables** (practice using TT Rockstars which all children have a log-in for) and **Maths**.

Spellings will be tested each week on a Monday. In addition, there will be an English homework activity for Year 3 once a week.

English:

In our English lessons this term, we will be learning to express ourselves clearly in writing. We will be looking at writing using persuasion, information texts and writing historical narrative stories. We will be using our topic work in History and Geography to provide us with stimulus for writing, and will be using these reasons to write to encourage us to make sure that our writing is as clear, exciting and accurate as we can make it. We will be reading some Victorian stories that were written for children to help us to get into the topic and reading non-fiction texts about rivers to help us to learn and write about rivers.

Spellings:

We will be having spelling lessons four mornings a week following the Read Write Inc spelling programme. Spellings will come home every Monday evening, and will be tested the following Monday morning. These spellings will be derived from the spelling rules we are learning about in our spelling lessons and from the lists of key words that have been set for Years 2 and 3.

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will continue to lie at the heart of our English curriculum.

At school, children will be involved in guided reading sessions where they will work on retrieval or information, sequencing events, inference and deduction. All children will have at least one session a week reading with a teacher, and take part in other reading activities.

Children with Read Write Inc book bag books will be encouraged to change their book twice a week. Free readers should change their books as and when they finish reading them. For all children, it is really important for them to read with an adult as much as possible, ideally daily. If you could sign their reading diary when you hear your child read, that would be very helpful. The school library has books that you can borrow in addition to this.

Maths:

The focus for our Maths lessons will be number. As mathematicians, we will be learning all about: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions. In Geometry the focus will be position and direction and properties of shape.

There will also be a focus on Times Tables, so please encourage your child to learn these, using TT Rockstars, as number bonds and tables are fundamental to all of our maths work in school.