

Curriculum Overview and Homework Activities



Our topic this half term is 'Vile Victorians'. This is a history based topic that will allow us to gain the following knowledge. In History lessons, we will learn all about the Victorian Era including the industrial revolution, the lives of the rich and poor including social, cultural, religious and political themes and significant dates within this time period. This knowledge will support us in English, where we learn the features of a variety of text types including sonnet poems (which was a popular choice for poetry in the Victorian era), character descriptions, playscripts and biographies. In Science, we will be looking at light and how it has changed since the Victorian era. We will learn how to make a periscope and perform a shadow puppet show based on Isaac Newton's discoveries. In Art, we will be exploring how William Morris contributed to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation. We will use a variety of tools and techniques to create a block image, which would have been used to generate wall paper. In PSHE, we are looking at families and friendships including how different families are made up, understanding how love can be diverse and how to maintain healthy friendships. In Computing, we will be exploring the benefits and risks of devices and how to protect our personal information. We will also look at the importance of balancing game and screen time with other aspects of our lives. In PE, the children will be learning 'Stomp Dance' and the different skills needed to play Tag Rugby. In Spanish, days of the week, months of the year and numbers 1-31 will be introduced, revised and consolidated so, by the end of this unit, pupils will have the knowledge and skills to say the date and when their birthday is.

Homework in year 5/6 is a really important part of the learning process and if homework is not completed pupils will be asked to stay in and complete their tasks- this will prepare them for Secondary school, where the homework expectations are much more demanding.

Reading every night is the most important thing you do to support your child with their learning. There are weekly spellings to learn as well as TTROCKSTARS and timetables practice. We also set weekly math's homework- a sheet will be stuck in the homework book ready to complete.

These things MUST be completed before attempting any of the homework tasks below.

Research Queen Victoria and create a fact-file about her.	Create a Royal family tree from the Victorian era to the present day.	Use your maths to weigh the ingredients to make a Victoria Sponge cake- don't forget to give the teachers a piece!	Research Charles Dickens. How does he link to the Victorians?
Create a Victorian quiz on Purple Mash.	Draw a portrait of Queen Victoria in black and white. Can you use the shading techniques Oeno-ne Hammersley used?	Write a newspaper report announcing the Queen's coronation.	Make a list of 20 objects that we have today that were invented and used in Victorian England.