

Hope Class Newsletter: Term 1

Dear Parents / Carers

During this first term back at school, Hope Class will be exploring some of the good, the bad and the brilliant aspects of life during the Victorian era. The class will discover what life was like for children, and find out about some of the social, cultural and technological developments during this influential period of British history.



In science & technology, the children will be learning about electricity, electrical safety and experimenting with electrical circuits while working towards designing and creating a simple burglar alarm.

Our history and science topics will inform how we creatively approach other areas of the curriculum. For example, as part of their English learning, the children will be writing instructions, fact files and biographies using Victorian Britain and electricity for context. The class will explore the work of William Morris in Art & Design and take inspiration from this in order to produce printed wallpaper designs.

To support their learning, the children will be carrying out internet research and in computing lessons there will be a focus on deepening their understanding and awareness of the internet and how they use it.

Our maths learning will begin by developing the correct use of mathematical language and consolidating understanding of number and place value. Over the term, the children will learn a variety of strategies for mental calculation and focus on using these practically with money and measures of length.

There will be two PE lessons every week, one of which will be delivered by Roaring Rugby each Tuesday, the other by myself each Thursday. May I take the opportunity to remind you that PE kits (trainers, white t-shirt, black or blue shorts/skort) are required to be in school at all times.

In RE, the children will learn what happens during the festival of Diwali and whether the celebrations bring a sense of belonging to Hindus.

On Thursday afternoons, the class will be taught English and music by Mrs Pitman-Jones. The English lessons will focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar. In music, the children will learn about using their voices with rhythm and expression, linking their music learning to poetry.

Weekly home learning will be set each Friday and will be expected to be submitted by the following Wednesday. Similarly, spelling lists can be found in the back of children's Homework books and spelling tests will be each Wednesday. In addition to weekly home learning tasks, children are encouraged to complete two termly home learning activities (more details to follow).

Your support at home with your children's learning is invaluable. At Sutton Benger, we ask that children read a minimum of three times a week at home. As a parent myself, I know it can be tricky to find the time for this but spending even 10 minutes together with a book can really make a positive difference to a child's progress. Should you have any questions or concerns I am always available at the end of the school day for a quick chat.

Kind regards

Mr Richards