

Year 5 Autumn Term 2

This term our theme is: 'Victorious Victorians'

Brief Synopsis of Theme

Our exciting theme this half term is 'Victorious Victorians'. We will be learning about Queen Victoria, daily Victorian life and Victorian Christmas.

Strong Links to Theme

In **History** we will be learning about the changing power of monarchs, the impact of the Victorian era on our lives today, Victorian life across the classes, school life, inventions and Victorian Christmas.

In **DT** we will be creating some traditional Victorian toys - thaumatropes.

In **Art** we will be studying the Victorian artist William Morris and creating work in his style.

In **Computing** we will be developing our skills to create animations linked to what we have been learning about in History.



Special events/ visits/ visitors/ special outcomes.

Whole school International week - 30th October - 3rd November, we will be learning about Italy and Lebanon and dressing up in the colours of their flags (red, white or green) on Friday 3rd November.

Whole school Maths and Enterprise week - 13th-17th November, KS2 enterprise fair 9.30am Friday 17th November.

Year 5 Christmas Carols and Poems at the Church - 9.30am Friday 15th December, at Holy Trinity Church.

English

We will be studying biographies and writing a biography of Queen Victoria. We will also be studying a significant author from our heritage - Charles Dickens - and the story 'A Christmas Carol' and linking this to our fiction writing. There will be a continued focus on developing reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting throughout our English lessons.

Maths

In **Maths** we will continue to focus on all aspects of number work especially the written methods for multiplication and division. We will continue to work on methods for mental calculations and be covering some of the aspects of statistics - line graphs and timetables.

Discrete / unlinked subjects

In **Science** we will be continuing our learning about forces. We will be learning about friction, gravity, air and water resistance. In **Music** we will be playing the ukulele, developing our singing skills and learning songs for our Christmas assembly. In **RE** we will be focusing on Christianity in the local community and beyond leading up to Christmas and our celebration at the church. In **PE** we will be developing our skills in multiskills games, gymnastics and badminton. In **PSHCE** we will be learning how to keep safe. In **French** we will be learning directions, recapping days of the week and learning about French Christmas.

Requests or Reminders to Parents.

Year 5 PE day is Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has indoor and outdoor PE kit in school each week. Remember earrings need to be removed for PE and long hair needs to be tied back. Don't forget a water bottle and healthy break time snack each day as well. Year 5 library day is Tuesday.

What parents can do at home to support.

Continue to hear your child read regularly and record it in their home school book. Continue to learn times tables and spellings. Also, continue to support your child with their weekly Maths and English homework. You may also want to go on the Mathletics, Active Learn (spelling bug) or Purple Mash websites with your child or do some research about any of the themes we will be studying.