

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn 2! I was really impressed by how quickly the children settled and bonded as a new class in the first half term and I am excited for the learning in store for the second half of term! Given the island's heritage, I am particularly looking forwards to our Victorians learning!

It's one action packed half term, with lots of exciting learning opportunities. I am particularly looking forwards to the November Parents' evenings where you will be able to see all that your child has been up to! Many thanks to the parents who joined us on 1st November to talk about our teaching of maths. We are going to be sharing these resources on our website so please keep an eye on the newsletter for details. After the popularity of this session we will organise something similar for English so please let me know which areas would be helpful to go through.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 12th November 2018 - From 1.30 - 6.00pm Alnwick Parents' Evening.

Wednesday 21st November 2018 - Cinema Trip.

Friday 23rd November 2018 - Development Day.

Wednesday 12th December 2018 - Osborne House visit.

Friday 14th December 2018 - Christmas celebration at the Church.

Thursday 20th December 2018 - Last Day of Term.

Friday 21st December 2018 - Development Day.

As always, please come and see myself or Mrs Smith at any time if you have any questions or you would like to discuss anything. By continuing to work together, we can keep ensuring the very best outcomes for your child.

In terms of securing the best outcomes, please help your child with learning their times tables. We are working through one a week up to the 12x tables as knowing these facts will make such a difference to their maths! I have spare copies of the Times Table Rock Stars if you would like these to support at home - I am so proud of the children who have already got a badge this year!

Thank you,
Mrs Tingle



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Parent Information Leaflet



'Striving for Excellence'

Year 3/4 - Autumn Term 2 2018 - Theme: The Victorians

Science

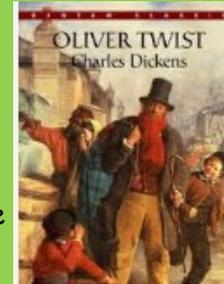
This half term we will be learning all about light! Through exciting experiments, children will use scientific enquiry skills to learn how our eyes work, how light helps us to see, how shadows are formed, how they change and why, and which material would be best to design a safety jacket with a reflector on. Get those torches working at home, you'll need them!



English - Fair's Fair and Oliver Twist



As we continue to challenge the children, we are going to be looking at extracts from Charles Dickens' classic texts Oliver Twist and a Christmas Carol. We will also be reading the heart-wrenching tale of Fair's Fair where good deeds are rewarded and an orphaned street child gets the happy ending of their dreams! The children will be applying their learning through persuasive writing, diary entries, script writing and a newspaper report as well as learning how authors such as Charles Dickens helped to improve lives for Victorian children. It's a good job that we have a long term as we have lots to fit in!



P.E.

This half term we will be having PE on either a Thursday or a Friday depending on what is happening in the week so please ensure your child has their kit on both days. Miss Mosely is really excited about getting to know the class better in these sessions. The children are such a good team already and it is great to see them strengthen these skills in PE!



Mathematics

Having built strong foundations in the children's understanding of place value, we are going to consolidate applying addition and subtraction skills before moving on to multiplication and division.



This half term we are really focussing on developing the children's fluency in maths, particularly with their number facts and times tables —up to 12x12; I am sure you will have heard the catchy songs in our playground! Please help them to practise as it will have a big impact on their learning. For my year 3's, the government are introducing a times table test next year to be taken in Year 4 so let's be ready but more importantly, your multiplication and division learning will be so much easier!

Theme

This half term our theme is going to be focussed around the Victorians. As well as learning about what it was like to be a Victorian child, learning about how the Victorians impacted the world we know today and where they fit into history, we are going to be going on an exciting trip to Osborne House in December! In the afternoons, we will continue with the rich curriculum including music (drums and violins), computing and PE. The children will also continue their German studies with Miss Culpin, do PSHE with Miss Sim and science with Miss Bekesi.

