

LEARNING VALUES:

This term our focus for learning is to develop the children as **reflective learners**.

This will involve children independently considering what they need to do to develop, recognising their strengths and reflecting on how they can use their previous learning and experiences. We believe that reflection is a vital skill for effective learning.



MATHS

This subject will be taught separately from the class topic although the class teacher will endeavour to link it where possible. Children will focus on becoming more efficient in using a range of written calculation strategies involving the four operations and will develop their understanding of using these in a wide range of contexts.

You can help your child by:

They are practising using their times tables and the associated number facts (for example: “If I know 12×3 is 36, I know $36 \div 3 = 12$ ”).

Our Main areas of learning:

ENGLISH Daily English lessons will include reading and writing as well as spelling, grammar and punctuation. This half term, we will be focusing on narrative writing.

Our theme will be linked by children describing Victorian monsters, describing settings and scenes based on Victorian children’s experiences, and studying Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”.

You can help your child by: Encouraging them to read daily and discussing what they’ve read. Please also ensure that they have learnt their spellings.

HISTORY

The subject will provide the main focus for our topic. Children will learn about many aspects of the Victorian period. These will include learning about the Industrial Revolution and key figures, and some key social issues. We will also look at the roles played by children in Victorian society and will have a ‘Victorian Day’ for the children to participate in. They will develop different historical skills, such as making comparisons and recognising attitudes of a different time in comparison to our own. The theme will begin with an exciting trip to Cold Harbour Mill.

The Vile Victorians
Our Challenge is to...
Create a Victorian Christmas Exhibition



PE

Mr Walker will be providing some specialist games teaching as they develop skills in team games. They will also be practising dance skills with their year group teachers, and will learn about interpretive performances linked to our theme.

COMPUTING

During the weekly computing session, the children will be learning how to use online services to support their learning. They will also be producing e-books in conjunction with our Victorian fiction writing.

MUSIC

Our specialist music teacher, Mr Boys, will teach children musical skills as they learn a variety of pieces on the marimbas, as well as some traditional Christmas Carols for our challenge.

PSHE

This half-term, we will be looking at our ‘Getting on and Falling Out’ topic. This will incorporate developing a wide range of social skills, especially during our extra Maths Buddy sessions where children will look at how we can encourage one another to succeed. Later this half-term, we will also consider the importance of treating each other respectfully during Anti-Bullying week.

DT

The children will make some traditional Christmas foods for the Christmas Exhibition. They will also create and design some Victorian decorations for the event. This will involve different creative skills, including incorporating their ideas into a clear design brief.

SCIENCE - *Fantastic Forces*

The children will start off the half-term with a short theme on Forces. They will learn about different forces and their effects whilst developing their skills in designing and performing experiments. They will utilise their knowledge in the fun- but potentially messy- “Egg Protector Challenge”.