

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

The Victorians and 'Sewn Together'

Driving questions: How could we prove that Queen Victoria's reign had a positive impact on the nation? How can we design, market and create appealing Christmas decorations?

The Victorians

We are excited to start the term looking at the Victorian era with our trip to the Black Country Museum. The children will find out about Queen Victoria, the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the lives of people living at that time. We are looking forward to finding out about the impact that the Victorians have had on our lives today including: transport; factories and work; schooling; and the life of a child. Find out more about the Victorians at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-the-victorians/z48bnrd>

Literacy

Our writing focus this term will be metaphor poetry. Metaphors are a fantastic way of using language to convey an image. The children will innovate the text to create their own metaphor poem.

Towards Christmas, we will enjoy the picture book *The Little Snow Girl* by *Carolyn Croll* and will complete a range of reading and writing activities based on this book. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zpgfb9q>

To support your child's reading and language, please support them to complete daily use of Lexia – it is a great way to develop vocabulary, language and comprehension: <http://lexiacore5.com/>

Maths

This term we will be continuing to develop the important number skills required to efficiently solve problems in a range of other maths concepts. We will focus on multiplication and division at the start of the term, moving on to measurement later in the term, specifically finding the perimeter and area. Times tables and mental arithmetic strategies will also be a clear focus.

At home: Please continue to practise times tables using the Times Table Rock Stars website and the Pixl app. <https://trockstars.com/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/games/>

Physical Education

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every day that includes joggers/sweatshirt now that it is colder.. For your child's safety, earrings must be removed before any PE lesson and hair must be tied up. The children continue to swim each week and will enjoy weekly netball sessions and learn skills and tactics for attacking, defending and ball control. We will also be improving our agility, balance and coordination in our gymnastic sessions.

Science

The children will look at forces linked to the transport of the Victorians. This will include friction, thrust and gravity. They will conduct some exciting experiments.

Art, design and DT

This term will have a big focus on skills for sewing. The children will be making their own Christmas decorations considering the fabric, style and weight as well as ways of pinning and stitching the items together. Maybe they could have a go at sewing on a button a home to get some practise?

Additional useful websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

REMINDERS AND DATES

Monday 31st October – Start of term

Friday 4th November – Year 5 trip to the Black Country Museum

Friday 11th November – Sycamore class trip to Greatworth Farm

Friday 11th November – PTFA Winter Ball

Friday 18th November – Beech class trip to Greatworth Farm.

Friday 25th November – INSET day

Friday 2nd December – Festive Dress up day

Wednesday 7th December – PTFA Winter Fayre

Thursday 15th December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 16th December – End of term 2.

Tuesday 3rd January 2022 – Start of Term 3 – pupils return after Christmas break

This term, we will be focusing on metaphor poetry and learning:

Taking one idea for a walk

*Glass eyes glare
in the morning sun
across city lawns,
watching traffic snarl
on the High Street,
and neat flower beds
where tulips bloom
and old folks sit,
feeding pigeons.*

*Glass eyes stare
at shop windows,
at cats sneaking
a peek into dustbins,
at dogs fast asleep
in back yards,
at the distant hills
and clouds flowering
the so blue sky.*

*Glass eyes gaze
at the weary maze
of the city at dusk;
peering down
at the blossom
of streetlights.*

*Glass eyes
shut tight,
as night
steals day
light.*