

CLASS 2 NEWSLETTER



VILE VICTORIANS

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Spring Term 2017

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Vile Victorians' and we will be finding out all about different aspects of life during the Victorian Era. We will have a particular focus on Victorian school life, working children, Victorian inventors, Charles Dickens and Florence Nightingale. The children have already begun thinking about what they know about the Victorians and they have come up with some really interesting questions which we will try to answer during the topic.

Maths

In maths we will be continuing to investigate things using practical equipment. We will also be encouraging the children to represent their calculations and findings in a pictorial way. We will be covering money, fractions and shape this term. Please see the topic web for more detailed objectives.

Science

In science we will use the local environment to observe how different plants grow. The children will be introduced to the requirements of plants for germination, growth and survival, as well as to the processes of reproduction and growth in plants. They will work scientifically by: observing and recording, with some accuracy, the growth of a variety of plants as they change over time from a seed or bulb, or observing similar plants at different stages of growth; setting up a comparative test to show that plants need light and water to stay healthy.

ICT

We will be learning about email and we will contribute to a class email. We will compare modern communication with that of the Victorian era.

R.E

In our R.E lessons we will be learning about how New Year is celebrated in different ways by different religions.

Music

We will be continuing to learn how to play the recorder, please could you ensure that your child's recorder is in school.

Art/DT

In relation to our topic work we will be designing and making peg toys/ pop up puppets. In addition we will learn about the life and work of William Morris.

P.E

This term we will be doing outdoor P.E on Wednesday afternoons, weather permitting, and indoor P.E on Friday mornings. As P.E kit can occasionally go astray, please can you ensure that your child's t-shirt and shorts are named. Everyone will need to have plimsolls or trainers in their P.E bag to wear outside. As the weather is still very cold please could you include a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper in your child's P.E kit.

Homework

Reading - Please continue to listen to your child read at home, just a little every day. Book changeover will be on Thursdays or Fridays.

Take away menu – There is a new Victorian based homework menu. Please can homework be handed in on a Thursday so that it can be marked and returned on Friday. If your child chooses to complete the 'crown' level homework, they have two weeks to complete the task.

Finally

If you are available to help in the classroom at all we would be delighted to hear from you, any help is always much appreciated.

We are always happy to see people after school if you need to speak to us, although it is advisable to make an appointment. We will not be available on Wednesday afternoons as this is our staff meeting time.

We look forward to continuing the great 'Purple Learning'. # Be Phenomenal!

Mrs Marsh and Mrs Lucas