

Victorians

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This term our topic is: Victorians

Throughout the topic, pupils will use a range of resources and materials to research

The Victorians in a local as well as a national context.

Language, Literacy and Communication - Pupils will write a newspaper report based on an escapee from a Victorian workhouse. They will write a formal letter to a film company outlining important events ready for a documentary one Victorian times and they will write Biographies about Queen Victoria/ Charles Dickens and famous inventors. Pupils will get the opportunity to argue should Victorian children work? Pupils will undergo hot seat activities taking on the role of a Victorian workhouse child. Paired interview.

Science and Technology - Pupils will experience a range of different scenarios that Victorians would have found problematic. Pupils will be given the opportunity to explore and investigate materials that have reversible and irreversible changes, what effect the shape and size of a shadow, how we see objects and how to separate different materials. Pupils will explore method writing, fair tests, use of variables, predictions as well as looking at conclusions and amendments. Children to investigate various aspects of Victorian life and times - Inventors and Inventions, Royal family, Working life and Schools. Children to develop spreadsheet skills - using simple formula, calculating the cost of the 12 days of Christmas. Children will use logo using code and correcting algorithms - drawing shapes, drawing and rotating squares and rectangles to make mystic roses.

Maths and Numeracy - Pupils will use Maths skills to work out time problems, how long would it take for trains, canal barges and carts to travel down the Swansea Valley. They will use their mathematical knowledge to solve a range of Victorian based problems including coal to copper ore smelting ratios.

Expressive Arts - Rangoli patterns and firework skylines during the first week for Diwali Victorian art. Pupils will look at and evaluate the work of William Morris. Create wallpaper designs, fin- ish patterns, create wall art in his style using paint, pencil and paper collage.

Humanities - Pupils to create a scaled Timeline of the specific and important events during Victorian times. Pupils will look more closely at the impact of Victorians in our local community. The copper works as well as Morriston and the history about Morriston. Pupils to create a short film using animation to depict a Victorian scene. Pupils will learn about Victorian benefactors, such as Dr Thomas Barnardo and Lord Shaftesbury who improved the lives of poor Victorians. Pupils to locate places on a map and look at the geographical nature of Morriston based on a Victorian map of the town.

Health & Wellbeing - Dance - pupils to choreograph and evaluate a dance based on life in the work-house. Hockey- Pupils to develop a range of hockey skills including, passing, receiving, moving into space and shooting. Pupils will also be encouraged to learn defensive skills as well as attacking. Pupils to play small sided games to further develop these skills.

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Autumn Term**