

Class 2 - Spring Term Newsletter

This half term our topic is:

The Victorians

Within these topics we will explore properties of materials, uses of materials, buildings old and new, lives of famous people of the past (Queen Victoria, Grace Darling).

In **English**, we are learning about Traditional Tales and Explanation texts. Our grammar focus is conjunctions and checking our work makes sense when read aloud.

In **Maths**, we are practising our number skills, adding and subtracting larger numbers, weighing objects, investigating time and learning about simple fractions.

In **History**, we will look at Queen Victoria and her reign. We will find out about Victorian houses and their design. We will research how children's lives have changed and how toys have evolved through the years.

In **Science**, we are investigating materials. We will combine **DT and Topic**, designing and making moving toys and puppets. We will learn about recycling materials, natural and man-made materials.

In **Art**, we will explore the art of William Morris and create repeating floral patterns.

Our topic for **RE** is "Special Books" We will find out about books that are special to us, how we should treat them and we would like others to treat them.

We will find out about books and stories that are special to Christianity and other religions.

In **Computing**, we will use laptops to research areas of our topic work, particularly exploring online sources to find out about the Victorians. We will use ICT to produce a report with digital imagery and text about the Victorians.

Handwriting

Please keep practising handwriting at home with your child.

Year 1 children - focus on letter/number formation, orientation and size.

Year 2 - focus on size, orientation and joins

Show and Tell

Show and Tell will take place on Friday afternoons after Golden Time. Children may bring things in to share with the class on this day only. Please encourage your children to bring in items relating to our topic, items they have made or experiences they have had at home.

Reading, Phonics and Spelling.

At the beginning of the academic year, your child was given booklets of words and sounds to assist with their reading and phonic skills. We use these words regularly in class as part of phonics, spelling and handwriting sessions. It is important that your child practises them at home every day. Please ensure you are reading with your child at least 4 times a week and that you are recording this in the reading record diary. Each Wednesday your child is given a new set of words to practice. These are the common exception words they need to learn to spell. Please practise daily to support your child's learning.

Reminders

Please try to bring your child to school at 8:50 am as this gives them time to settle into school before the day begins.

We ask that all your child's clothes are marked with their name, as you can appreciate the children are not always able to recognise their own uniform, especially when they are all so similar!

Our PE day is Wednesday. Please make sure PE kits are in school all the time and they are labelled clearly with your child's name. As the weather is due to get colder a tracksuit may be required for activities outside. May I remind you that all jewellery must be removed for PE sessions.

Please look out for notices on the classroom window.

I'm looking forward to another wonderful term of learning with Class 2 and to working with you all.

Many Thanks

Mrs James