



# Term 2

## The Victorians

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a great half term and are all ready and eager for another action-packed term. We will be continuing with our Topic of 'The Victorians', exploring the significance of 'The Great Exhibition' with our very own version of the event on the **18<sup>th</sup> November 2020** (where the children will need to come to school as a Victorian, ready to showcase their inventions); looking at traditional Victorian Christmases and discovering what our local area was like during the 1800s and how it has changed over time. Our text is 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll and we shall be using this to inspire our very own Wonderlands, full of wonderful settings and characters. We will be embracing Christmas with full force this year, creating our very own Christmas poetry and learning Victorian Christmas songs – keep your eyes peeled for news on a new kind of Nativity...

<b>Reading</b>	Please read with your child at least <b>three times a week</b> at home and ensure it is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Thursday.
<b>Spellings</b>	Spelling tests are every <b>Thursday</b> and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they had learnt about the previous week.
<b>Maths</b>	Maths homework will be set on a <b>Friday</b> and will be expected to have been completed by the following Friday. Year 6 Maths will be set in their Arithmetic books. Year 5 Maths homework will be set on 'MyMaths'. If your child finds the task tricky, there is a revision lesson that they can use first. Parents are encouraged to sit with their child during homework to support.
<b>Times Tables</b>	Children will learn their tables and practise these in school at least twice a week. Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) <b>three times a week</b> at home.
<b>Grammar</b>	Grammar homework will be sent home on a <b>Friday</b> and your child will have 2 weeks to complete this. The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their literacy lessons. This should take around 40 minutes. To help with our in-class assessments, please indicate when you have helped your child.

### Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work above that we could hear about or borrow, we would love to see and hear about them.

**Reminders** – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat. Owls class have PE on a Thursday and Friday with Mr Brett, but please make sure they have a full kit in school every day.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Healy

### **Useful Websites:**

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian\\_britain/victorian\\_schools/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/victorian_schools/)

<https://victorianchildren.org/victorian-schools/>

[www.purplemash.org.uk](http://www.purplemash.org.uk)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>

### **Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term?**

What inventions were created in the Victorian Times?

What was entertainment like for rich people and how was it different for poorer people?

What would a traditional Victorian Christmas have looked like?

Why is Alice in Wonderland such a famous tale?

## The Victorians Learning Map

<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>'The Great Exhibition' Newspaper</p>  <p>Reports</p>	<p>Character and Setting Descriptions – Alice in Wonderland</p> 	<p>Christmas Carol Poetry Christina Rossetti</p> 
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Fractions</p> 		
<p>DT/Art</p> 		<p>Tenniel and Clay work</p> 	
<p>Geography</p> 		<p>Our local area</p> 	
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>Being Me in the World</p> 		
<p>Computing</p> 		<p>Online Safety and Databases</p> 	
<p>RE</p> 		<p>What makes Christmas so important to Christians?</p> 	
<p>P.E.</p> 	<p>Cross Country</p> 		
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Music Hall and Victorian Christmas Songs</p>		
<p>Science</p> 		<p>Earth and Space</p>	
<p>Spanish</p> 	<p>School and Christmas</p> 		