



# Term 4 Newsletter

## The Victorians

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a fun and enjoyable half term! This term, our topic takes us all the way back to 1837 and the revolutionary Victorians! Our text is 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. We will be exploring what life was like in the workhouses, at school and what life was like in our area during this period – and that is just the start. We will be getting musical with songs from Old Music Halls, trying our hand at some clay work and giving Sir Arthur Conan Doyle a run for his money when we create our own detective stories.

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| <b>Reading</b>  | Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. Mrs Robinson will be counting Reading tallies on a Thursday and these must be signed by an adult to be counted. Year 6 should be reading at least 45 minutes per week and Year 5 for 30 minutes.   |
| <b>Spellings</b>  | <b>Spelling tests are every Thursday</b> , and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they have learnt about that week. New spellings will be sent out every Thursday.  |
| <b>Maths</b>  | <b>Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Monday.</b> Maths homework for Year 5 will be set using weekly 10-minute Arithmetic CPG test books. Year 6 Maths homework will be set in their CGP Arithmetic books. The children will be given a sheet outlining which pages they should complete in their CPG book for that week.   |
| <b>Times Tables</b>   | Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practicing their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home.  |
| <b>Grammar</b>  | <b>Grammar homework will be sent home on a Monday and your child will have one week to complete this, due in on the following Monday (the same as their Maths homework).</b> The homework will be based on the grammar they will be learning within their literacy lessons. The children will be given a sheet outlining the pages they need to complete from their CPG workbook to help with our in-class assessments, please indicate when you have helped your child. |
| To help prepare the children for secondary school, in Year 5 and 6, all homework is expected to be completed and handed in on time. The children will complete any missing homework in school time. |  |

### 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, please let us know!

### **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?**

How were schools different during the Victorian times?

Why is Queen Victoria so famous?

What impact has the Victorian era had on today?

How was life different for the rich and poor during Victorian times?

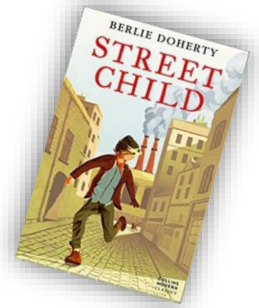
**Reminders** – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water, ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat. PE on Monday and Thursday for all children.



























As always, many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Williams and Mrs Robinson



# The Victorians Learning Map



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| <p><b>Literacy</b></p>     | <p><b>Sherlock Holmes</b></p>  <p><b>Detective stories</b></p> | <p><b>Jabberwocky</b><br/><b>Poetry</b></p>  | <p><b>The Great Exhibition</b><br/><b>Newspaper writing</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Maths</b></p>        | <p><b>Measurement</b></p>                                      | <p><b>Shape and angles</b></p>               | <p><b>Reflection and translation</b></p>                         |
| <p><b>DT/Art</b></p>       | <p><b>Printing and clay</b></p>   |  |    |
| <p><b>History</b></p>     |   | <p><b>Life during the Victorian times</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>PSHE</b></p>       | <p><b>Healthy Me</b></p>  |  |    |
| <p><b>Computing</b></p>  |    | <p><b>Spreadsheets</b></p>   |   |
| <p><b>RE</b></p>         | <p><b>Christians and How to live: What would Jesus do?</b></p>  |  |    |
| <p><b>P.E.</b></p>       |    | <p><b>Hockey and Benchball</b></p>   |   |
| <p><b>Music</b></p>      | <p><b>Old Music Hall songs</b></p>  |  |    |
| <p><b>Science</b></p>    |    | <p><b>Earth and Space</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>French</b></p>     | <p><b>Where I live</b></p>  |  |    |