



Lilac Class 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 the 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. Keep your eyes peeled for some information to follow regarding details for this term's Home Project, which will lead to our very own Great Exhibition!

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. Mrs T will be counting Reading Minutes 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.
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Monday and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they have learnt about that week. Children should be practising their spellings at least twice a week and we have included a 'Spelling Menu' in their homework books with ideas on different ways to do this. We will send home the term's spellings so you have these to refer to. All spelling tests will be in the back of their homework books to allow you to support children with continued practise of any spellings they get incorrect on a test.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and children will have a week to complete this. Maths homework will be set on 'MyMaths'. If your child finds the task tricky, there is a revision lesson that they can use first on 'MyMaths'.
Times Tables	Each child has a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home.
Grammar	Grammar homework will be set fortnightly on a Monday. The page numbers will be sent home. If your child has completed the pages set, then let us know and we can set further tasks to complete to further revise the topics covered.
Home learning project	This term, we will be learning about the Great Exhibition, the first ever exhibition of manufactured creations. We would like to hold our own Exhibition in school and would love the children to create their own creation – this could be a new item of their own invention or a model, poster or drawing of a Victorian invention they have been impressed with. Please bring these into school by Monday 27th March 2023 .
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, 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. PE on Monday for all children. Please ensure your child has their PE kit, in line with school policy, in school every day.

As always, many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Bastin, Mrs Hill & Mrs T

Useful Websites:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/victorian_britain/victorian_schools/
<https://victorianchildren.org/victorian-schools/>
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 has on today?

How was life different for the rich and poor?



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Term 4 Learning Map



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