Victorious Victorians

Year 5 Autumn Term 2026

Children will travel through time and learn about The Victorians. We will be comparing Britian today with Victorian Britain .

As historians, we will travel through time and learn about the Victorian period in Britain and highlight some of the major changes during this period. There is an emphasis on allowing pupils to consider the sources of evidence that form our understanding of this period of British history and to make links to modern times. They will be able to contrast everyday life during the Victorian period with modern British lifestyles.

*As **Musicians***, we will be learning about notation and singing. Pupils will be able to recognise and read and write notation, understanding pitch and note length. Pupils will then be singing, learning about melodies and harmonies. Pupils will also explore varying composers listening to and appraising their music.

English

We will work on spelling rules and strategies and continue to learn the words stipulated in the National Curriculum spelling lists for Year 3&4.

All children will be involved in a daily Shared/Guided Reading session as well as reading as a class every day. Our class text will be 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty and 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie.

During English lessons, we will be focussing on the texts 'Oliver Twist' and 'The Bluest of Blues'. The children will use these texts to create a setting description and a biography about Queen Victoria.

From the research they have completed in topic lessons, they will create information posters and an explanation text about Victorian inventions.

Children will also continue to develop their handwriting, joining their writing.

Maths

Year 5 will cover the following topics:

Place Value: master numbers up to 1,000,000, work with decimals and negative numbers and understand the exact value of each digit

Addition & Subtraction: focusing on formal column methods for numbers with more than 4 digits, mental maths with large numbers, rounding for estimation, and multi-step word problems

Multiplication & Division: focusing on formal written methods, factors, prime numbers and scaling

Fractions: mastering complex fraction concepts, including mixed numbers, improper fractions, and adding fractions with different denominators.

Science

Animals including Humans

Pupils will explore how humans change and develop as they grow, from birth through childhood and adolescence into adulthood and old age, learning that development continues well beyond childhood rather than stopping once someone becomes an adult. By the end of the unit, they will be able to sequence and describe the key changes at each life stage, comparing how the body and abilities differ between two stages that are not next to each other.

Living things and their habitats

Pupils will compare the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird, exploring how each type of animal grows, changes and reproduces in different ways. They will also learn about the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals, understanding how living things create the next generation.

Computing

Our key question this term is;
What are computer systems. We will be continuing to learn about online-safety and linking this with our PSHE.

Spanish

We will be learning names, basic greetings, and begin learning how are you?

Art and DT: Children will develop their mastery of art and design techniques. Children will be learning about drawing and painting in Art with a focus on techniques. In DT, we will be exploring having a healthy balance of food.

PSHE

Our values this term are: **Friendship** and **Thankfulness**. We will begin the term by creating our own set of classroom rules. We will be looking at our relationships with others and valuing difference.

RE

This term our key questions are;
-- Do Murtis help Hindus understand God?
- Does the Christian narrative need Mary?

PE

We will be swimming this term, our swimming day is a Tuesday. Our PE day will be a Thursday. This term we will be focusing on hockey.