

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you all had a good summer break, and hopefully a chance to relax before the new school year. We have a busy term coming up, with a Class and Harvest assembly to look forward to, and much of our learning will be focussed on our class theme, 'The Victorians'.

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THEME

Our theme this half term is 'The Victorians'. We will be using different written sources and artefacts to explore what a Victorian school was like, and will be learning about how some children of the era were expected to work from a very young age. We'll be exploring Victorian architecture, such as Brunel's bridges and the Crystal Palace, and will be making miniature models of them during art lessons. During the half term we'll also be learning about how industry grew during the Victorian age, and about the numerous inventions and discoveries that were made. Drama and role-play will help us explore how a Victorian child's life would have been very different to our lives today.

LITERACY

Much of our Literacy this half term will be focussed on our Victorians' theme. We are starting the term by reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty, which is based on the true story of a Victorian orphan and Doctor Barnardo. This will give children the opportunity to write setting descriptions, book reviews and a short chapter story of their own. We will also be researching the life of Florence Nightingale, and will be using drama and role-play to gather ideas for a newspaper report about her work. Please read with your child at least four times weekly to help develop their reading ability and enjoyment of a range of texts. Please also encourage them to write a weekly Reading Journal entry to share with their teacher at school.

NUMERACY

Children will be solving multi-step word problems involving numbers, money and measures. They will also be revisiting how to order, partition and round whole and decimal numbers. Later on, we will be exploring patterns, relationships and properties of numbers and shapes.

ICT

Children will create a spreadsheet of healthy packed lunch options by entering data and totals.

SCIENCE

Children will be learning about how a healthy diet and exercise can result in a healthy lifestyle. They'll be planning and carrying out experiments on heart rate and exercise.

We will have PE lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays so please ensure that your child brings their PE kit into school on Monday for the week.

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