



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2



Our Big Question this term is: What was Victoria and why was she important?

English

In English, we will be covering various aspects of English such as phonics, grammar, Big Write, spelling and handwriting.

Grammar: We will cover various grammar structures; the use of apostrophes for contracted forms of words and for possession, conjunctions for subordination such as that, when, because and we will also learn to use commas in a list.

Phonics: We will be looking at similar sounds but different graphemes/letters.

Big write: We will be planning and writing recounts and setting descriptions.

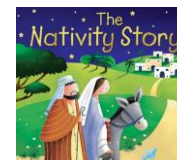
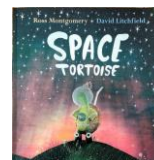
Key Vocabulary: horizon, cockpit, dunes, desert, clock tower, statues

RWI sound pronunciation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Reading

Each week we will be studying texts and developing our READ skills (Retrieval, Exploring Text Vocabulary, Analysing Text layout and structure, Deduction and Inference Skills)

Over this half term our core texts in class will be Space Tortoise and The Nativity Story.



Please read with your child each night (allocated reading books) and write in the reading record book. Please also go through comprehension questions and new vocabulary with them.

Maths

For Maths, we will be studying shape including: 2D shapes, 3D shapes and lines of symmetry. We will also be learning position and direction using grids. Later on in the term, we will be introducing multiplication and division. Children will learn to make equal groups and use their times tables knowledge to solve division problems.

Key Vocabulary: 2D, 3D, symmetry, position, direction, multiplication, division

Useful Links: Hit the button game <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

History

For History, we will be studying the Victorians. Our big question is 'Who was Victoria and why is she important?' Children will learn about the reign of Queen Victoria, as well as other aspects of Victorian life such as schooling, child workers and inventions.

Key Vocabulary: Victorian, era, reign, similar, different, past, compare, poor, rich

Useful Links: BBC Bitesize
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkrkscw/articles/zfdkhbk>

Science

For Science, we will be continuing our ongoing topic, Plants. Children will learn the life cycle of a plant and the parts of a plant. Specifically, they will learn what happens to a plant at this time of the year.

Key Vocabulary: life cycle, plant, growth, seasonal

Useful Links: BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd/art/icles/z6nx7yc>

Art & Design

For Art & Design, we will be focusing on sculpture. Children will be making a clay pot. They will learn how to manipulate a malleable material by kneading, twisting, intertwining and constructing. Children will also be adding line and shape to their work.

Key Vocabulary: natural material, clay, malleable, kneading, constructing

Computing

For Computing, we will be studying Computer Networks.

We will be learning how to log on to the ChromeBooks using individual LGfL usernames and passwords. We will also be learning about the internet and the creation of the World Wide Web.

Key Vocabulary: internet, World Wide Web, connection, network, wireless

R.E

For R.E, we will be studying Signs and Symbols/Baptism and Advent. We will explore various sub topics and read related scriptures.

Key Vocabulary: oil of chrism, holy water, sacrament, Advent, wreath

Useful Links: Baptism

[:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_LB5zL2apiw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_LB5zL2apiw)

Music

For Music, we will be studying Rhythm. We will read and respond to chanted rhythm patterns and also beat these patterns. We will use drums in groups to perform different rhythms.

Key Vocabulary: crotchets and quavers

P.E

For P.E, we will be studying Dance. Children will learn a series of dances and will practice how to use space effectively. They will develop social skills of collaboration and working safely.

Key Vocabulary: collaborate, movement, repetition, levels, performance

Key Dates

Christmas fair- Saturday
2nd December

KS1 Natvity-
Wednesday 6th and
Thursday 7th December

Homework Project:

As part of our Victorian topic, children will be asked to create something to be part of our Great Exhibition! More information about this will be sent out to you in the coming weeks.