

The Victorians Spring 1 Year 4

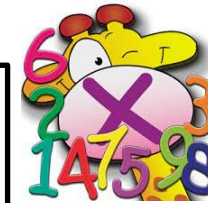
RE

In RE we will be studying Buddhism. We will find out how the religion was founded and how followers worship the Buddha in the modern world.



English

This half term we will start by reading and performing nonsense poetry. Then we will move on to reading explanation texts and writing our own explanations of how everyday objects work. Finally, we will be reading biographies of famous people and writing our own biographies about a famous Victorian person. Our reading focus will be to explore how writers use language for effect. We will also use different strategies to find the meaning of unfamiliar words. Our grammar focus will be using possessive apostrophes. In spelling, we will focus on using plurals correctly and applying suffixes to root words.



Art /D&T

As artists we will be looking at pattern, experimenting with the styles used by Victorian artists such as Edward Lear and William Morris. As designers we will be designing and creating money containers. We will learn a range of stitches, design purses and wallets and work with textiles.



MFL

In French our topic is "Les voyages". We will find out where French is spoken in the world. We will learn to talk about how we travel to different places and use the French names for North, East, South and West.



Computing

We will look at coding and programming with Scratch.

SCRATCH



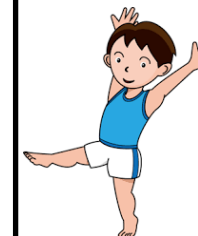
History and Geography

In Topic we will be learning about the Victorian Era with particular focus on what it was like for a child growing up in these times. We will look at the differences between the lives of rich children and poor children, researching jobs they did, the education they received and how they spent their leisure time. We will look at people, such as Thomas Barnardo and Lord Shaftesbury, who campaigned to alter the lives of poor children.



Physical Education

In Gymnastics we will be refining skills of travelling, jumping, balancing and rolling and linking ideas to create longer sequences. We will transfer floor skills onto the apparatus. We will be learning about street dance and perform dances using a range of movement patterns.



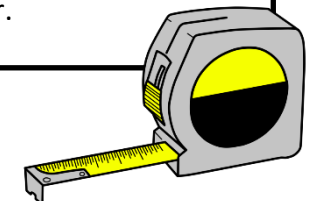
Relationship and Health Education

The focus this half term is computer safety, and we will be exploring the actions children can take if they feel they are being bullied online.



Maths

Our main focus this half term is multiplication and division. Children will learn how to multiply and divide a 2- or 3-digit number by a 1-digit number efficiently. Knowledge of times table facts up to 12 x12 is important so this will be a continual target. New mathematical language, "factors", "factor pairs" and "product" will be introduced. Children will become confident multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and able to explain what has happened to the starting number. Problem solving and reasoning questions are an integral part of this learning. We will look at the relationship between metres and kilometres. Children will also be taught about how to calculate perimeter.



Science

In Science we will be learning about moving and growing. We will begin by identifying life processes and move onto a greater understanding of bones and skeletons, muscles and exercise.



Music

We will continue to learn to play the steel pans.

