

Year 5 Spring Term Topic Web

English

In Spring 1, after a unit based on Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*, we will be having fun with Victorian nonsense verse.

In Spring 2, we will be doing some suspense writing, modelled on Victorian ghost stories. We will then be writing an instructional text for the making of a Victorian toy.

Weekly spellings are set on Fridays, to be tested the following Friday.

For some good children's books on the Victorians, follow this link:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/history/victorians/>

Mathematics

This term, we will be developing the children's formal written workings for multiplication and division, solving word problems using these. We will then spend a substantial amount of time revisiting our work on fractions, including ordering, adding, subtracting and multiplying them. Finally, we will be working with decimals and percentages. Your child's TTRS and NumBots accounts will help with the quick recall of number facts needed in these units:

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://play.numbots.com/>

Weekly homework is set on Mathletics.

RE/PSHE

In RE this term, we will look at the Christian account of creation and answering the question "What do Christians believe Jesus did to save people?" In PSHE, we will be focusing on the topics 'Working Together' and 'Financial Capability'.



Science

Spring 1: We will investigate the movements of the planets including the Earth and Moon, relative to the Sun. This will include the reasons for 'night and day'.

Spring 2: The topic of light will be explored, looking at different light sources, how we see objects and how light travels.

DT & Art

Activities include creating a Victorian cityscape, the work of William Morris, making a moving Victorian toy and creating (and performing!) a Punch & Judy show.

P.E.

Invasion games: introducing Lacrosse - outdoor session on **Tuesday afternoons**.

Premier Sports – indoor session on **Wednesday afternoons**: Circuit Training

History

Our topic this term is the Victorians, which will focus on life in Victorian Britain, including schooling, the workplace, leisure, crime and punishment and inventions.

Activities will include:

- Timelines
- Creation of Victorian toys
- Punch & Judy Show
- In-school Victorian Day
- Visit to the Mary Challis House & Garden

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Music

The children will be following the Year 5 Charanga programme of studies and continuing to develop their recorder and glockenspiel playing skills.

Computing

Computing lessons will focus on internet safety in Purple Mash.