



TITLE : The Victorians

YEAR 2- Sky Class

Summer Term 2024-2025



FOCUS CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES -

- (1) Broad, relevant and balanced-Local, Mainland, Global
- (2) Valuing all children, learning is accessible to all
- (3) Promotes independence and curiosity

KEY AREA OF LEARNING - GEOGRAPHY/HISTORY

Our key area of learning this term will be History. We will be looking at significant historical events, people and places in our own locality. We are going to use the Isle of Wight as our inspiration and focus on Queen Victoria and Osborne house and her life on the Isle of Wight. We will also learn all about Queen Elizabeth II to. We will learn all about their lives and they things that they have accomplished as Queens. We will then make comparisons between Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II and find out what things are similar and what things are different about their reigns. In Geography we will also be focusing on the Isle of Wight, identifying local landmarks and highlighting geographical features as well as using maps.

SCIENCE

This term our main focus will be Biology and growing up. We will look at how animals including humans grow and change and learn about life cycles.

Alongside this we will recap living things and their habitats and revisit Plants investigating bulbs and seeds.

ENGLISH

We will be using *The Night Gardener* by The Fan Brothers. This book has wonderful illustrations so again leads itself to some good comprehension tasks. We are going to use the story to inspire lots of independent writing that will recap some of the genres we have learnt about so far this year as well as some new ones.

We will then go onto use an extract from *The Railway Children* by E.S. Nesbitt to inspire the children with their topic of The Victorians

MATHS

For this term, we will complete our multiplication and division before moving onto fractions of shapes and quantities. We will be learning about what a fraction is and how to identify halves and quarters as well as equivalent fractions. After that we will learn how to tell and write the time to the hour, half hour and quarter hours and begin to look at five-minute intervals. We will also be learning about measures. Throughout our lessons we are continuing to embed number facts, multiplication facts and mental math strategies.

HOMEWORK

For the first half term, there won't be homework as the children will be working incredibly hard in school as we prepare and then do the Year 2 standardised assessments. After half term weekly homework will continue in their homework books with spelling every week and alternate weeks of an English task or a maths task.

COMPUTING

This term we are learning about programming. The children will be using Scratch Junior to create simple instructions to make programs work. We will then move onto using computers and technology to create and enhance media. We are linking this to our music.

PE

We will continue to practise our sports skills. We will be working on fundamental movement and co-ordination skills. We will look at a variety of games to help us practise these skills. We are building on our athletics skills and getting ready for Sport's Day!

Phonics

Daily phonics will continue and moving onto looking at different ways to spell sounds and words. We will continue to review and consolidate previous graphemes and common exception words so the children are confident with them in their reading and writing.

PSHE/SMSC

The children will be thinking about and discussing our school values and setting ourselves some goals. The children will also be looking at relationships and how they belong to our community. Forest School continues with Miss Gates. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit for the weather.

TRIPS/VISITORS

We have our trip to Osborne House on the 25th April, where we will discover more about Queen Victoria and Prince Albert as well as the lives of the Royal children

ART

In Art we are learning about the artist Hannah Uzor who is a portrait artist who painted Queen Victoria's Goddaughter. We will create our own portraits in the style of Hannah Uzor. After half term we will be learning about the Victorian artist William Morris and learning about printing techniques.

DT

We are having a big focus on our DT this term. We are going to make a Victorian bathing machine that hopefully moves! The children are going to experiment how to make the cuboid shape and then use appropriate materials, tools and techniques to make their own.

MUSIC

We are exploring dynamics and tempo in music. We continue to develop our understanding of musical notation and composing our own simple pieces of music. We will move on to using Myths and Legends in our music later in the term.

RE

Our RE focus is the concept of Special. We will be thinking about Special Food and Special Books. We will study the theme of Special across different faiths, linking our ideas and sharing our own 'special' books and food.