

TITLE: Victorians
YEAR 2- Bay & Sky Class
Summer 1 2025 - 2026



- 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 - HISTORY/Geography

Our key area of learning this term is History. We will be Looking at significant historical people and places in our own locality. With the Isle of Wight as our inspiration; we will focus on Queen Victoria and Windsor and her life here on the IW too. We will also learn about Queen Elizabeth II too. We will learn about their incredible lives as respected Queens. In Geography we will continue our study of the IOW and the UK - highlighting geographical features as well as using maps and atlases. We will compare the Island to an area of India to further understand the link to Victoria and Osborne.

SCIENCE

Our half term topics begin with learning about Living Things and Their Habitats. Local area habitats and world habitats - this links very closely to our Ocean Friendly School status and OPAL programme.

We will continue our long term study of plants and how they grow well into the Summer Term.

We will also explore how animals follow a lifecycle; including humans.

ENGLISH

Our focus texts for the Summer term include some Shakespeare with character and place descriptions from A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Also a short reading focus text: The Railway Children which is linked to our History topic.

The Night Gardener by The Fan Brothers is such a beautiful, timeless tale about a boy from an orphanage who discovers the stunning art of topiary can bring a town together.

MATHS

For this term, we will be consolidating our impressive Multiplication and Division skills. The children will be learning how to multiply and divide and strategies to solve problems. We will also be learning about length and height before moving onto mass, capacity and temperature.

We are going to learn to tell the time to the hour, half past, quarter to and quarter past.

HOMEWORK

Weekly homework will continue in homework books with spelling every week and alternate weeks of an English or Maths task.

All the homework relates to learning we have been doing in class that week.

We will continue to hand out homework on a Friday and it will be due in the following Friday

COMPUTING

As with every half term, we will continue to learn about e-safety and staying safe online.

The children will be using technology to their advantage by recording data. We will create our own pictograms and use our computing skills in Maths and Science.

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/SPELLING

Daily phonics/Reading 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 including waterproof trousers and their wellies.

TRIPS/VISITORS

We are off on our travels this week with our trip to Windsor Castle We will discover what it was like for Queen Victoria in her castle home.

We will also be welcoming Wildheart Sanctuary to school again this term!

ART

We will explore printing and the work of famous Victorian - William Morris. We are also continuing to develop our sketching, drawing and painting skills with a study of Hannah Uzor - the royal portrait painter.

DT

Our Design and Technology for Summer will focus on cooking and nutrition. We will learn about eating healthily and link our learning to food from around the world.

We will design and plan to build a Victorian type of toy too.

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.