

English

This term, we are going to begin our fiction work by studying the novel, 'Street Child' by Bertie Doherty. Throughout the story, the children will learn what life was like in Victorian Britain through the eyes of a child who spent time in the workhouse and living on the streets of London. We will move on to writing non-fiction reports on Victorian Britain on 'houses and homes' and then look at poetry and the work of Charles Dickens in 'A Christmas Carol' nearer Christmas time.

History & Geography

In topic, we will start by looking at History and the reign of Queen Victoria. We will also be learning about her as a Queen and the legacy she left behind. In addition, we will be studying inventions during the era and the Industrial Revolution. We will also learn about Victorian life and crime and punishment during these years.

In Geography, pupils will learn about the key social, political and cultural changes that occurred during Britain's Victorian period.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Year 4 spelling will focus on: adding suffixes to words ending in -ed,-ing, -er and -est when a consonant comes before this. Along with negative prefixes and The /t/ sound spelt y elsewhere than at the end of words.

Year 5 and 6 spelling will focus on suffixes (word endings) too, but looking at -cious and -tious and endings that sound like -cial. We will then move on to words ending in words ending in -ant, -ance/-ancy, -ent, -ence/-ency.

Year 4 punctuation and grammar will focus on noun phrases and adverbials, along with apostrophes to indicate possession. We will also be doing lots of work on the different formations of sentences.

Year 5 and 6 will also look at adverbs but using them to link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time, place and number. We will also focus on sentence construction, looking at relative clauses and punctuation for parenthesis.

PE

We start the term focusing on Hockey on Monday afternoons and Rugby on Wednesday afternoon. We will be practising game based skills and playing mini games for both sports.


Barnardos



Oak Class

Up the Chimneys, Down the Mines

Autumn Term 2020



Spanish

This term we start by looking at the shops on a Spanish highstreet. We will use this to also learn directional language. We will also be writing short sentences and reading passages of text in Spanish. Towards Christmas, we will be learning some traditional Spanish customs.

Art

Textiles - Batik combined with stitching

Design and Technology

Brunel and his designs – looking at construction

Music

Our focus will be the music of Abba – learning songs and performing alongside using a range of instruments.

Maths

We will start this term focusing on Place Value and Properties of number. This will be followed by addition and subtraction methods and Multiplication and Division methods follows this. Having looked at Multiplication we will then focus on Fractions. Finally we end the second term looking at Area and Perimeter.

Science

In Science, we are going to learn about electricity. We will learn how to construct a variety of circuits. This will link well with our work on inventions and the development of electricity throughout the Victorian era. We will be recognising common insulators and conductors and giving reasons how components function.

Computing

This term, we will be looking at Technology in our lives and how to use age appropriate websites. This will be a tool for our learning throughout our topic.

PSHE

To start the term we will have getting to know each other through team building games. We will taking a reflective opportunity this term so look back over the 'lock down period' and think about its impact on ourselves and our families. We will be looking at the skills of resilience and how we build these.

RE

In term 1 we will be asking 'What does it mean for Christians to believe that God is holy and loving?'. In term 2 we will focus on Islam and ask 'What is it like to be Muslim in Britain today?'