

Music



This term the children will be getting weekly music lessons from a specialist teacher who comes into school.

They will be learning to play make music on the Ukelele. They will explore rhythm and pitch this half term.

PE



This term we will be learning to play basketball, including skills such as dribbling, teamwork and strategy.

PE days:

Monday – indoor and outdoor kit (trainers would be better if we are on the grass.)

Thursday – indoor and outdoor kit (trainers would be better if we are on the grass.)

Art / Design & Technology



Our art focus shifts to painting with a focus on colour mixing and texture. We will link our artist study to the artist William Morris from the Victorian era. We will look at creating art in the style of Victorian stained glass and Victorian style Christmas cards. We will also be making, learning about optical illusions in preparation for design and technology in which the children will make a thaumatrope.

What can you do to help?

- Homework will be sent out each **Wednesday** to be returned to school by the following **Monday**. Any child consistently not returning homework will be given the opportunity to complete this during school time.
- Please read with your child regularly. Ask questions about the book they have read to check their understanding and aim to make a comment in their reading record book 5 times per week.
- Send your child's reading book in with them every day.
- Spellings are sent home on a **Friday** ready to be tested the following **Friday**.
- Mental maths tests will be every Monday.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school as discussed above;
- Please check www.school360.co.uk and the school website regularly for updates/photos.
- Water bottles (**full, water only**) should be sent to school on a daily basis.



Curriculum Information

Year 4

Autumn Term 2

Vicious Victorians!

Literacy



We begin the term by writing information texts about the Victorians. The children will research different aspects of life for a Victorian child for this such as school life, home life, toys, and the difference between rich and poor.

We will look at stories from different cultures, and stories in familiar settings to coincide with the year 4 Get Into Film trip to see Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

All children have new writing targets to work towards this half term, with a strong focus on handwriting, presentation and editing and improving work.

ICT

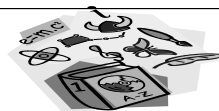


This term in computing our focus will be on 3 dimensional modelling.

The children will consider what 3D is and how it may be applied in everyday computing.

The children will learn how to draw a 3D house and think about everything necessary to turn it into a 3D model on a computer. The children will then work in groups to design and build a range of 3D buildings on the computers to create a 3D city.

History



Our topic 'Vicious Victorians' will allow to us to ask and answer the question: 'What was life like for a Victorian child?' We will compare the lives of rich and poor children in this era and will finish the topic by looking at and celebrating Victorian Christmas traditions.

The children will learn about life in a Victorian home as well as learning about crime and punishment, roleplaying as Victorian prisoners. They will also research Victorian era inventions.

Science



This half term's science focus is on the topic of sound.

The children will learn about different sources of sound, how sounds are created and how sound waves travel. They will also learn about pitch and volume, and understand why the volume of sound gets fainter as the distance from the source increases.

The children will be carrying out a number of practical investigations looking at these aspects. These will include practical investigations to identify patterns between the strength of vibrations and volume, identifying how features of an object affect the pitch of the sound it will produce and an investigation to examine the sound-proofing qualities of different materials.

Numeracy



This half term will see a big focus on using and applying a range of methods in a number of problem solving activities.

Children will continue to work towards their targets with a big focus on times tables and using known facts. There will be a weekly mental maths quiz. Children will access this at their own level of challenge.

All children will be able to use a range of mathematical vocabulary to explain their reasoning in activities.

RE / PSHCE



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We will be studying Christianity with a focus on the 'Big Frieze'. The focus will be on developing the children's understanding of the overall story of the Bible - from the beginning to the end.

PSHCE

There is a strong focus this half term on PSHCE within school and there are many events to support this including Remembrance day, Children in Need, road safety and Anti-Bullying week.

Year 4 children will take part in a number of activities to raise awareness of these initiatives including drama and role play.