

Revolution



Let's hop on a steam train and travel back in time to the Victorian era!

During this half term, we'll use non-fiction books to research Victorian education and people, including famous inventors, reformers and Queen Victoria herself. Then, we'll write non-chronological reports and biographies using a range of source materials. We'll write on slates, learn the three 'Rs' and take part in cooking, sewing and woodwork lessons, just like a child in a Victorian school. We'll make popular Victorian dishes and play with Victorian toys. 'Drill' activities will have us following instructions to march, stretch and jump in formation. We'll learn about crime and punishment and find out what life was like in a Victorian slum. How things have changed! We'll discover what happened during the Industrial Revolution and learn about significant inventions. Copying the style of famous Victorian paintings, we'll experiment with block printing techniques.

At the end of the ILP, we'll stage an exhibition to showcase the work we have done during the project.

ILP focus	History
English	Non-chronological reports, stories, biographies, limericks, diaries
History	The Victorians
Art & design	Art of the Victorian period, printing
Computing	Digital photography
D&T	Victorian home craft, model buildings
Geography	Cities and transport in Victorian times, using maps
Music	Victorian parlour songs
PE	Exercise
PSHE	Reflecting on achievements
Science	Electricity

Help your child prepare for their project

The Victorian era influenced the way we live now in many ways. Why not visit a local museum to learn about what Victorians' lives were like in your area? You could also visit the library to find out about local Victorian history. Alternatively, make a collage timeline of key events in the Victorian period.



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Welcome back to Autumn 2!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school everyone and to autumn term 2. I hope you have enjoyed your half term holiday and are looking forward to the new half term in school.

In class 5 we are looking forward to enjoying our last Christmas in primary school! We can't wait to start our performance and singing all of the Christmas songs. This half term our topic is the Revolution.

Are you listening? What is 27 plus 45? Come on, faster now. We haven't got all day. Find out about super strict schools by travelling back in time to a Victorian classroom. Make sure that you're on your best behaviour though, as punishments are unquestionably terrible. Discover a time when great minds thought new thoughts and ingenious inventors created so many things that we take for granted today: the electric light bulb, the telephone and the first flushing toilet. Let's forge ahead to research a time when Victoria was Queen and Albert was Prince Consort, and when some people lived in slums while others prospered. Take on the role of an important reformer and present your good causes to the Queen.

We have lots of exciting things planned and more information will follow. Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary. Homework will continue to be given out on a Monday, spellings on a Wednesday. We expect homework to be back in school for a Friday morning and spellings to be learnt for a test the following Monday. Reading books will continue as usual, thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

We are continuing our daily challenge, please ensure children are at school to start these lessons at 8:45am.

Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks
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