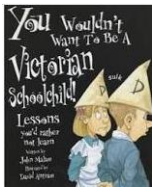


Year 1 Autumn Newsletter



This Half Term our topic is...
The Victorians
Our key enquiry question is:



Is change always for the better?

We have lots of exciting activities planned for this focus.
During our English lessons, the children will be learning all about schools in Victorian times and how these differ to schools now.
We will focus on non- fiction texts and use the information from these to produce posters all about the amazing facts that we learn!



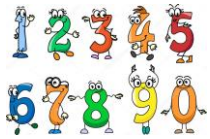
We teach children how to read in different ways. We have small group reading sessions, daily phonics lessons, 1 to 1 reading time with an adult and whole class reading session 4 times a week. Please read with your child everyday so they can practise their skills.

History



In our History lessons, our focus will be on Florence Nightingale. We will look at her remarkable life and key facts about her. We will discuss how hospitals have changed for the better since the Victorian times.
'Florence Nightingale' will actually pay us a visit so we can question her about her life.
On our web page look at the 'knowledge organiser' to familiarise your child with the key facts they will need to know to access this enquiry question.

Maths



In our Maths lesson's this half term, we will be looking at number bonds to 10, place value within 10 with a focus on addition and subtraction and 2D and 3D shapes. Your child will use their knowledge from last term to support them this term. We will use a range of resources to support our understanding, which will aid us to become marvellous mathematicians!



In brief, the homework your child should receive is as follows:

- Daily reading
- Weekly Phonics on Purple Mash
- Spelling practice

Your child will be given 2 reading books to take home. Children should read at least 5 times a week to an adult as this will improve their fluency. This will become evident as they become more confident and their pace becomes quicker. An adult will change their books on Fridays. Please encourage your children to read at home whenever possible and make a note of this in their reading diary.

NOTE
Reading Diaries are collected in on a **Friday**. This is also when the children's books will be changed and home reads will be counted (1 read per day is counted). Spellings will be posted onto the class dojo page.

PE/Dance



Dolphins and Turtles will be doing PE on Tuesday mornings each week with Mrs Aspinall and in October we will have dance on Friday mornings with 'Dancing Claire'.
Year 1 children will be required to come to school in their PE kits on the days we have PE or dance. Please make sure that these are suitable for the cooler weather. Jewellery must **not** be worn on PE days.
If your child can not take part in PE for medical reasons a letter should be sent to Mrs Aspinall.

Mental Health

In school we support children with their mental health in many different ways for example through workshops, clubs and adult intervention. As a school we work closely with the Mental Health support team (MHST) who can offer further specialist support and guidance around mental health. If you have any worries or concerns about your child's mental health, please contact Miss Appleby either by phone or email.

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Over this academic year your child will take part in the following workshops

Resilience
Wellbeing

Diary Dates

Thursday 26th September - European Day of Languages

Monday 30th September - Individual and Family Photos

Wednesday 16th September - Flu immunisation

Tuesday 12th November - Odd Socks Day

Friday 15th November - Children in Need

Week beginning Monday 11th November - Parents Evening

Wednesday 27th November - Year 1 and 2 go to the Pantomime!

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day! Christmas Dinner Day!

Monday 16th December - Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance!

Monday 16th December - Christmas Disco!

Friday 20th December - Last day - Party Day!