

Learning Forecast

Spring 1 Victorious Victorians!

Class Hensting Class



Welcome to Hensting Class. We share these 'Learning Forecasts' every half term to give an insight into the key areas that we will focus on with your child.

English

Our English and guided reading this half term will all be linked to our topic of Victorian Britain. We will look being looking at a range of fiction texts and myths to develop our understanding of the Victorian era as well as using our class reader *Street Child*.

We will start off by looking at the class reader *Street Child*. The children will then be writing their own narrative build up based on the beginning of *Street Child*. In this piece they will develop their skill on writing speech and using semi-colons. Then we will look deeper into life as a Victorian Child and create non-chronological reports about their schooling, work and home life. Finally we will look at the differences between modern and past educational practise and the children will decide to either write an argument explaining which is better or worse or they will create a balanced argument showing the pros and cons of both time periods.

Maths

This half term we will be continuing with our study into fractions, looking at the last few operations including multiplying and dividing fractions. We will then move on to look at fractions, decimal and percentages and how they interlink. We will identify how to find the equivalence of fractions, decimals and percentages. Then we will move on to the topic of shapes. We will look at the different angles and how they can be calculated and drawn, calculating the angles within different shapes as well as identifying common properties of shapes and the different vocabulary used in shapes. We have also started an arithmetic focus at the start of every lesson to support and develop the children's understanding of different techniques and questions which are likely to appear in the upcoming SAT tests.

Computing

In computing we will be exploring the World Wide Web and web design. We will look into what is required to make an effective web page and they will then design their own web page where people can explore and learn about the Victorians.

History

This half term in history we will be focusing on the Victorian era. We will make a study of everyday Victorian life and develop the children's knowledge each week so they can continue to add to the running question "What was life like for children during the Victorian era?" The child will discuss this question every week and add new bits of information that they have learnt in the lesson.

Art

This half term we will be investigating the different types of printing. Since the Victorian era saw a vast rise in inventions such as the printing press we will be exploring different types of printing designs. These will include: mono, block and lino.

PSHE

Growing and changing

We will be learning about growing up can change our bodies and that these changes can also have an effect on our emotions. We will firstly look at emotions and how they can change before looking at how our body changes with time.

Science

Evolution and inheritance

In science we will be learning about the theory of evolution and identify evidence which supports it. We will also look at how some traits are inherited and others adapt through our environment.

Reading

In reading this half term we are looking at 'Street Child'. It is a brilliant story set in Victorian Britain about a boy who loses his father and then his mother and is alone in a workhouse. We have decided to tweak how we go about reading this term focusing primarily on the children's reading fluency. Each week we will be looking at a new text where we will then delve into discussions about the vocabulary and their comprehension. We will then look at questions which are similar to those which come up in SAT tests.

Reminders

Please make sure your child brings in their water bottle each day and they are emptied out each night.

Please can they have a pair of names wellies to keep in school.

If the weather is hot please apply sun cream or send your child in with some if they can apply it themselves with a sunhat if necessary.

They can bring ONE healthy fruit snack in their book bag or they can have a piece of free fruit on offer in school.

