

Year 2 — Spring Term

The Victorians

Heritage, Culture and Values

English

This term we will be planning, drafting and editing a story which involves a loss. Our focus text for this will be 'Grampa's Island'. Within these lessons we will be looking at how to write a captivating story by using effective sentences and high-quality vocabulary to draw the audience in. In addition to this, we will be using a variety of punctuation, sentence openers and sentence types to enhance our writing skills.

Phonics/Spellings and reading will be taught every day. We will be learning, practising and performing two new poems this term: Walking with my Iguana by Brian Moses and My Gran Visits England by Grace Nichols.

PE

Throughout this term pupils will be working on stability and movement through gymnastics within our indoor P.E lessons. For outdoor P.E, we will be looking at the effects of exercise on the body in our fitness unit.

PE days

Tuesday /Thursday – Ash and Holly
Monday and Wednesday – Cedar and Elm

Science

In our Science lessons we will explore everyday materials and their properties. We will :

- Sort and classify objects based on their properties
- Understand how materials are naturally occurring and others are man made
- Understand how materials can change shape
- Understand why materials are used for specific objects
- Discover how paper is made

Computer Science

In our lessons we will be including lessons on E-Safety. We will focus on using technology safely and purposefully.

We will use Purple Mash to enhance our computing skills linked to Art. We will:

- Become familiar with how to use 2Paint A Picture.
- Explore and recreate work of impressionist artists.
- Explore pointillist work of Seurat and recreate our own.
- Use 2Paint A Picture to create lines and repeated patterns.
- Present a story in three different ways using concept maps and quizzes.
- Use 2connect to create a non-fiction fact file.

Maths

In our maths lessons over the term we will be learning the following topics:

Money

In this block, children will use their knowledge of place value to find values, give change and make an amount in a variety of ways.

Multiplication and Division

In this block, children make the connection between repeated addition and multiplication. In this step, they start to make this connection by recognising equal groups.

Length and Height

Children will learn to measure in centimetres and metres, compare and order lengths and heights and use the four operations to solve problems.

Mass, Capacity and Temperature

In this block, children will learn to identify and compare mass of an object, measure in grams, kilograms, millilitres and litres and use the four operations with volume and capacity.

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History

In our History lessons, we will begin by recapping previous learning on Queen Victoria and how she is significant. We will then begin to explore the Victorian era, by:

- Exploring similarities and differences between the clothes children wore in the Victorian era and modern day.
- Recognise similarities and differences between the toys and games children played with in the Victorian era and modern day.
- Identify similarities and differences between schooling in the Victorian era and modern day.

PSHE

In our PSHE lessons, we will learn about how we can keep ourselves safe. We will be learning about:

- How medicines (including vaccinations and immunisations and those that support allergic reactions) can help people.
- How to keep safe at home and fire safety.
- Recognise risk in simple everyday situations and what action to take to minimise harm.

Personal Development

We will also be looking at our Oasis habits and how we can use these in school and our everyday lives.

Music

In our lessons we will be learning to play the xylophone. We will focus on:

- Learning what a xylophone is.
- Marking rhythm and pulse.
- Developing further understanding of pitch and tempo, and how this applies when playing the xylophones.
- Perform a learnt and improvised piece.

Art

In our discrete art lessons, pupils will be using different mediums to create a piece of art. Our focus will be on creating collages using recycled pieces of paper in Spring 1 before moving onto print making using objects and templates.

Geography

In our Geography lessons we will be building on our knowledge of maps and scale by comparing our school grounds using aerial images, maps and plans.

We will also:

- Make a map including basic symbols and scales.
- Explore the impact that we have on our World and how to ensure we look after it for future generations.
- Use our weather diary to record and identify weekly patterns of seasonal changes.

R.E

In our R.E lessons, we will continue learning about Judaism. We will develop our understanding through two big questions; How do we express ourselves and what are signs and symbols?

Over the term, we will learn more about:

- The Torah and Tanakh.
- Explore the story 'Challah in the Ark'
- Learn about and understand the meaning of the Star of David.
- Understand why the Menorah is important to Jews and explore Passover.