

Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term ~Reception, Y1 & 2

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for Summer Term 2015, please enjoy reading this overview, we hope that you find it helpful ...

Hello there

This Term our focus is to be all about "Days Gone by" in particular: THE VICTORIANS.

We asked the children what they would like to find out about, and many of them are understandably curious about the time before their own lives. We are going to look at the Victorians, and there may be a (fictitious) Professor who is trying to open a museum nearby who will be corresponding and asking pupils for their help.

Here are some of the curriculum areas that we hope to cover:

- Literacy: Silly poems and Nonsense verse (Edward Lear), Longer books written in Victorian times such as EE Nesbit and Lewis Carroll, Writing reports and glossaries along with explanations and diaries.
- Numeracy: Calculations to 999 and beyond, telling the time, shape, space and measures. Plus collecting topic related data and presenting it in a number of ways.
- ICT: Using a range of programs in particular those of coding and algorithms.
- Geography: compass points and finding various locations on a map.
- PSED: Thinking about others and problem solving together.
- Science: Looking at plants, classifying them and naming their parts along with experiments to see what they need to live. Growing and caring for plants. Looking at evolution and the work of early fossil hunting pioneers.
- RE: What do we know about God and how can we talk to him, how do other people see God and talk to him?
- Art: Famous artists and their work. Black and white tonal drawing and collage.
- Music: Performing with instruments. Jazzed up nursery rhymes. Soundscapes to go with famous paintings.
- PE: Large and small ball skills with simple games. Races. What our bodies need to stay healthy. Gymnastics, ways of moving.
- Technology: growing plants and cooking with grown ingredients.

There are lots of enjoyable activities to keep us busy throughout this term!

Mrs Luddington and Mr Mason

Update:

As we are looking at the past, it would be lovely if children could bring in things to talk about from the past.

These could be old photos, artefacts etc. Please make sure that the child is able to talk about their item. They do not have to be Victorian.

We will make sure that they are not '**played with**' but would appreciate items that can be touched, and loaned for a few days.

Thanks

Messages :

This term, PE is on Tuesday and Thursday. Please can we have kit in school all week. We do like to get outside, so please include a warm jumper and long trousers.

Homework for Years 1 & 2 continues to be handed out on a Thursday, to be handed in the following Wednesday. Thank you for the super job you are doing with this. Reading records are also now collected with the homework.

Please note that Mrs. Luddington is now setting the homework, so please address any problems to her (and bare with me as I grapple with it.)