

Year 6 Curriculum Letter - Autumn Half Term 2 - 2025

Our theme for the start of Autumn 2 is:

Vile Victorians

We will be concentrating on:

- Understanding what life was like in Victorian England
- Highlighting the differences between the social classes of society
- Learning about how Leicester and Great Britain changed during the Industrial Revolution

Our theme will last for: 8 weeks.



Design and Technology

We have a great opportunity for some practical Design and Technology with our D&T week. We are going to be creating a diorama of Victorian New Walk, complete with working lights and moving parts!

French

During our French lessons this half term, we are going to be developing our conversational French even further by discussing how we can live a healthy lifestyle.- "Manger et Bouger"

This half-term's 'No Outsider's in our School' book is...

The Only Way is Badger by Stella J.Jones and Csarmen Sladana. We will be using this book to aid us in discussions all about freedom of speech, as well as helping us to consider our use of language.

Behaviour and Safety

We will be thinking about how our behaviour can affect others. Because Anti-Bullying week is this half term, we will be raising our awareness of types of bullying, what it is and how to stop it. To do so, we will be making posters to display around the school to help those younger than us. For Anti-Bullying week this year, we will also be looking at online bullying and the implications this can have.

Computing

We will be developing our knowledge of e-safety and how we can look after ourselves online. This will allow us to make decisions about what to do if we don't feel safe online and how to report it.

P.E.

For the second half-term, we will focus on Netball whereby we will brush up on our passing skills and defending tactics. We will then put them into game-situations in this new invasion game.

P.E. lessons take place on a Wednesday, however if your child could have their P.E. kit in school at all times, this would be useful.



English

In English, we will be continuing our novel study units, reading the book 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. As we read through the book, we will discover what life was like in Victorian Britain and our work in English will be based around the events and characters in the novel. During the unit, we will be exploring Jim's experiences as a street child in Victorian London through drama, discussions and debates whilst using the knowledge gained from Topic lessons to understand more about Victorian society. We will be focussing on our grammatical knowledge and applying this to help us write:

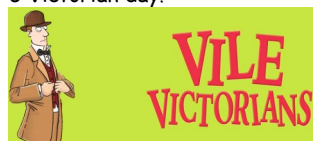
- Paragraphs about the past experiences in Jim's life
- Informative sentences and paragraphs about the Victorians
- A speech demanding education for all in the Victorian times
- Chapter, character and theme summaries that use evidence from the text
- An information text all about Dr Barnardo

R.E.

In R.E., we will be aiming to answer the question, "What do people believe about good, evil and suffering?" We will make contrasts and comparisons across different religions and put this together into a class discussion.

History

As historians, we will be investigating how children lived in the Victorian period. We will explore key events, such as the Industrial Revolution and the urbanisation of Leicester and the rest of England. Children will also look at how trade and transport was impacted by the Industrial Revolution. We will also look at the British Empire and the impact that it has had on the world. This will all be explored in more detail on our Year 6 Victorian day!



Music

Children will be continuing to learn how to play the steel pans. Having looked at scales and the basics of the playing the steel pans last half-term, we will build on this by developing our playing skills and learning some musical compositions.



Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 20 minutes, as a minimum, every day. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. Our vocabulary and spellings that we will be practising and looking at over the half-term will be shared via Seesaw over the coming weeks and these can be discussed, practised and looked at whilst at home. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of the words and see if they can put them into a sentence! Maths. and English homework will be set on a weekly basis. The answers for this will accompany the work and raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers. A topic project will be set in the coming weeks on Seesaw - this one can let your creativity take hold! If your child is having any issues accessing Seesaw, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. **A letter will be coming home with your child's weekly spelling focus highlighted. This is only if you wish to give your child some extra support with spellings at home- it is not compulsory.**

Important Dates:

w/c 27th October—Black History Week
Monday 27th October- Wonder Afternoon
29th and 31st October- Gallery trip
w/c 10th November—Anti-bullying Week

w/c 10th November— D&T week
11th and 13th November—Parent's and Carer's Evening
Friday 14th November —Children in Need
Wednesday 19th November- Victorian day

Mathematics

In this half term, we will continue to focus on number as well as shape and measures.

- Reasoning with measures — we will be exploring the area and volume of shapes and how to apply formulae to find these, as well as applying these skills to trickier problems
- Exploring Shape—through this unit, we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, as well as how to calculate the area and perimeter of a range of compound shapes
- Finding equivalence- in this unit, we will be investigating the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages

To help your child at home, you could spend time practising times tables and developing their mental calculation skills when doing things such as shopping.

Every Friday, we will be practising our arithmetic skills with an arithmetic paper. We will then recap questions on the paper to embed our key calculation knowledge.



Art

In our Art sessions, pupils will be learning about William Morris and Joseph Wright, looking in detail at their style of paintings. We will be refining our abilities to sketch and think about proportions. As a Victorian artist, we will examine how these artworks are different to modern artists. We will see this during our own Art Gallery trip! Watch out for some super art of our own in a Victorian style!



Science

As scientists, we will be looking at electricity and light. We will investigate how we see and how light travels. We will be completing a range of experiments that will illuminate new scientific knowledge. Furthermore, we will be investigating electricity and circuits, including looking at what components make up an electrical circuit and how changing these components can alter the circuit's effectiveness. Don't get left in the dark!



P.S.H.E.

For P.S.H.E this half-term, we will be becoming entrepreneurs. We are going to discuss what an enterprise is and have a go at pitching our own business ideas.

28th November—INSET Day
w/c 15th December- Math's Investigation week
Friday 19th December—School closes for the Christmas break