

Literacy: Reading in year 6 remains a huge focus – please encourage your child to read daily.

Year 6 will be looking at biographies, a discursive argument and limericks. We hope the boys especially will enjoy creating some amusing poetry inspired by Edward Lear. New writing skills will include:

- Writing to include a range of tenses
- Formal language
- Using the passive voice appropriately

Books we will read: Our class novel will be 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty and we will also look at selected work by Charles Dickens.

History:

We shall be studying Victorian times which saw many significant turning points in British history such as the invention of steam travel and the electric light bulb. Finding out about life as a Victorian child will help us compare our lives to those who lived in the past.

Many aspects of life were very different during this time – who knows what we will uncover from the vile Victorians? A particularly exciting aspect will be crime and punishment.

We will learn about famous Victorian women such as Marie Curie, Emmeline Pankhurst, Beatrix Potter and Gertrude Bell.

Science

Electricity changed the lives of some fortunate, rich members of Victorian society.

We shall be learning how to make and draw circuits to light up a bulb.



Year 6 – Spring Term 2 The Victorians

Are you listening child? What is 27 plus 45? Come on – faster now, we haven't got all day!

Find out about super strict schools by travelling back in time to a Victorian classroom. Make sure you're on your best behaviour though as punishments are unquestionably terrible!

**We will research a time when some people lived in slums while others prospered.
Full steam ahead to the Victorian age!**

RE

We will look at Christianity and how the Victorians brought about many of our Christmas traditions.

We will also look at the story of Easter.

DT

Developments in steam power and electricity changed Victorian leisure time with an increase in fairgrounds. We will explore Victorian entertainments and work in small groups to create a Victorian fairground ride.

Maths:

Children will develop their understanding of measure, looking at both metric measures and imperial measures and learning how to convert between them.

The children will explore algebra and equations and learn to:

- Use simple formulae.
- Generate and describe linear number sequences.
- Express missing number problems algebraically.
- Find pairs of numbers that satisfy an equation with two unknowns.
- Enumerate possibilities of combinations of two variables.

These are just some of the areas we will be covering in maths. Remember to keep practising those times tables (Times Table Rock Stars) and using mymaths to support the work we do in class. Maths is everywhere!

