



Curriculum letter

Year 6

The new term has got underway and the children are settling back into their routines and lessons very well.

This term our main topic is: Victorian Britain

Over the coming term we will be learning about:

Maths

The children will be strengthening their knowledge of reasoning and arithmetic skills to solve word problems. They will be working collaboratively in groups to solve mathematical problems. There will be opportunities to expand and develop techniques of trial and error to investigate and develop systematic ways of solving problems. Also they will be solving problems involving shape; using protractors and compasses to accurately draw shapes with specific measures.

English

The children will be writing a variety of genres based around our topic 'Victorian Britain'. They will be using a wide range of punctuation within their writing including using colons and semi-colons to clearly mark the boundaries between clauses. The focus is to ensure that writing is grammatically accurate and adapt the way sentences are written for effect.

Science

Evolution & Inheritance

Over the next 12 weeks the children will be learning about the how living things change over time. They will understand that some plants and animals have become extinct, and that others may become extinct in the near future. They will have the opportunity to research and learn about Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and Mary Anning's discovery of fossils.

History

The history topic this term is The Changing Power of Monarchs: Victorian Britain. This unit will cover Queen Victoria and her life; as well as Victorian health, disease and medicine; Victorian inventions; and the life of Victorian children including schooling.

Geography

Our geography unit this term is The British Empire. The children will identify former British colonies and will research facts about each of the countries. They will understand what the British Empire meant in Victorian Britain. They will investigate the reasons behind creating an Empire.

Computing

This term the children will be creating their own videos in small groups to advertise events happening in the school.

Also they will be creating a Victorian Britain information video using Movie Maker software.

Art

In Art lessons the children will be learning all about the Victorian artist William Morris. They will create their own Batik style of artwork. Later they will learn about the Victorian style of Decoupage.

RE

This term in RE the children will be exploring theories of life after death. Later they will be learning about how people express their faith through the arts.

PE

This term the children will be taking part in athletics. The children will also be working on their team building skills during orienteering and navigating.

Homework

Homework will be given on a **Thursday** to be returned on a **Tuesday**, which will include a piece of Maths and English, related to the week's learning. Spellings will be given to the children on a **Friday** to be learned and tested on the following Friday. There may be other homework set, on occasions, relating to one of our topics of study.

This term a **Homework Club** will be taking place during **Friday lunch times**. Children may come to homework club (after eating their lunch) to ask any questions about their homework or ask for support in completing it.

It is of enormous importance that the children read **every** day, for at least **30** minutes. We ask that you sign their reading record books **3** times a week. This is an opportunity for you to comment on your child's reading and let us know how you feel they are getting on. The children's reading records will be checked on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.

The children should also be reading their **Bug Club books** online **weekly** and playing on the **spelling and grammar games** on Active Learn Primary.

We suggest discussing the books read with your child to help them develop a good understanding of what they are reading. For example; asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like /dislike about characters in the story.

PE is on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please ensure make sure that your child's PE kit stays on their peg for the half term to avoid missing out on this excellent opportunity for exercise.

I hope this will help you to understand all the activities and learning your child will be involved in this term. If you have any queries please make an appointment see me after school.

Miss Bilham - Baboon's Class Teacher
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