

Other Subjects

Topic— 'A Step Back in Time!'

Our topic this term is all about the Victorians and in particular we will be looking at family life, wash day, key inventions and Queen Victoria. We hope to have the Freshwater Theatre Company come to visit us, and the children will be learning all about a Victorian classroom and will have to behave just like Victorian school children. Our History this term, also includes learning about the history of flight.

Our art lessons are featuring the work of a famous Victorian artist, William Morris. The children will design their own wallpaper in the style of this particular artist, whose work can be seen at Haden Hill House. In our design and technology lessons we will design a carriage for Queen Victoria. This will then be made during our Inspire session on 16.2.17. (pm) There will be more details to follow.

Religious Education and PSHE

We will also spend this time feeling good about ourselves (Good to be me!) In RE will be looking at the religion of Islam, the stories that Jesus told and the Easter Story. We will also learn about Hinduism and we will be visiting a Hindu temple in March.

Science

We have been looking at materials and their uses. This has included looking at how different materials have various properties that can be used to keep us dry or to keep us warm.

We will also look at how materials change shape or remain the same, when pulled or pushed.

Soon we will be looking to see how plants grow during our topic on Plants.

Other Information!

HOMEWORK

Homework plays an essential role in consolidating the knowledge and understanding your child gains from daily lessons. It is also a great opportunity to spend quality time with your child talking about what they have learnt. If possible this should be done away from distractions of the T.V. or younger children. Please also encourage and support your child to read and do little tasks on a daily basis.

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a weekly basis, with tests taking place on Fridays.

SATS

Teacher assessment is ongoing, however as you know this is the year your child has to complete a number of assessment tasks. Changes have taken place recently and a parents meeting is planned, so that you will be well informed. More details to follow.



Book Week is coming!

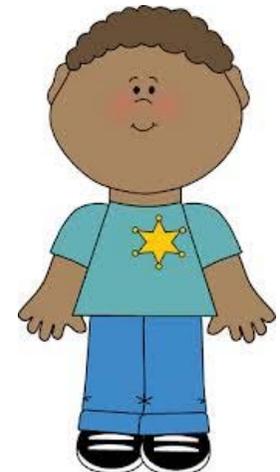
More information available shortly.

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Information for parents.

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Introduction

The children have settled in very well and we have had a productive last term! They are working very hard and we are pleased with their achievements so far! This newsletter is to let you know about our exciting Spring Term.

We would like to thank you for the support you give your children at home.

I know all about keeping healthy and I know what food I need!

I know my tables

I designed my fabric using three colours.

I can describe how wool is made.

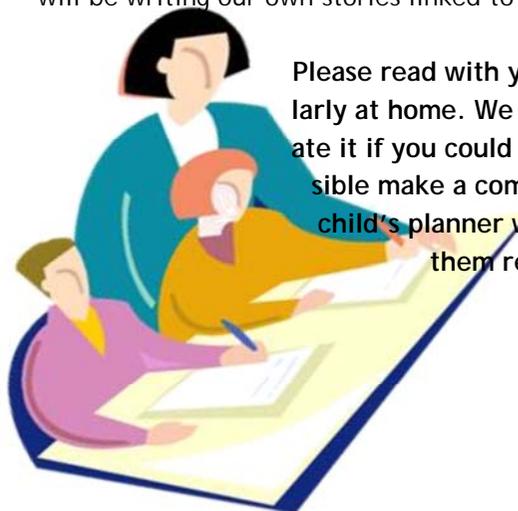
I really enjoy my maths lessons!

I can tell you about how my skeleton keeps me upright!

Literacy

This term in Literacy, we will be focusing on writing stories based on Traditional Tales. We will also be writing invitations and book reviews. Some of our writing will continue to be linked to our topic on the Victorians.

In the second half of the term we will be looking at stories by Ronda and David Armitage. This is a series of books about a lighthouse keeper and his wife. We will be writing our own stories linked to these books.



Please read with your child regularly at home. We would appreciate it if you could sign and if possible make a comment in your child's planner when hearing them read.

You can help at home by:

- *Talking through your child's reading book with them.
- *Practise writing sentences with the correct punctuation.
- *Practise letter formation, concentrating on the correct starting point for each letter.
- *Give lots of opportunities for your child to write at home.

Maths

Mental Maths

This term we will be focussing on improving our overall mental maths skills. We will be working on developing our understanding of number bonds to 20 and 100. We will also focus on doubling and halving numbers up to 20 and beyond!

Written Strategies

We will be focussing on the partitioning method for addition and introducing written methods for multiplication e.g. repeated addition using a blank number line. It is important that the children also learn the relationships between one operation and another e.g. addition is the opposite of subtraction and multiplication is the opposite of division.

We will also be continuing to work on our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables to enable the children use them when problem solving.

You can help at home by:

*Exploring real life maths e.g. when shopping adding up prices, working out the amount of change that should be given, using real money to play shopping games.

Practising the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

Continuing to play Mathematics games.

Talk about amounts of liquid and dry ingredients when cooking together.