

Courtney Primary - Topic Sheet- What did the Victorians do for us?

Term 1 - Year 5 - Mr Jones

What is this topic sheet for?

This sheet shows you the topics your child is covering this term and gives you ideas and ways you can help your child at home. The library is always a good starting point and the internet has many great sites. If you visit www.courtneyprimaryschool.co.uk and click on the 'Links' section, you will find useful websites listed there.

English



We have recently re-vamped our English writing sequence, the purpose of this was to ensure there are more opportunities to write longer pieces, all of which are related to our class text.

Our class text, which we shall read as a class, is called 'A Christmas Carol', written by Charles Dickens, this links nicely with our topic focus – Victorian traditions. We shall be reading this text and using it as a stimulus for our independent writing tasks. Hopefully, children will immerse themselves in the storyline and, as a result, be more engaged and motivated with their writing.

Our SPaG focusses for the term are using *relative clauses*, *modal adverbs for possibility and certainty*. We will be applying our newly acquired skills into a range of writing genres: newspapers, instructions, poetry – ending with an innovated ghost story based on A Christmas Carol.

I have recently sent home weekly spellings, please ensure your children practise these frequently.

Maths



Term 2 is incredibly exciting for Year 5 mathematicians, the children are introduced to many new aspects of the curriculum: factors, cubed and squared numbers and a new method of multiplication – long multiplication.

Each lesson will always have an element of problem solving as well as reasoning. We will be applying their knowledge through a range of activities.

There will be a large focus on times table facts, and children will have a weekly opportunity to gain their multiplication badges. I hope that you will encourage your child to practise these outside of school. I will also be helping the children understand how to use these known facts to work out more complex calculations.

History

Our main overarching theme for the term will 'historical impact'. We will be looking at some of the legacies the Victorian's left behind and the impact that they had at the time.

As well as focussing on different inventors, we will be looking at Queen Victoria's own legacy and how she shaped the current world that we live in today: Commonwealth, for example.

Our topic will also tie in with our science (forces – pulleys and levers) as well as our cookery unit (Shepherd's pie).



French and Music

Our wonderful music teacher, Mrs Castle, will take the class for music, every Thursday

Within French, we shall be developing and consolidating the children's French vocabulary in regards to the days and months of the year as well as numbers. These sessions will be focusing on reading/speaking French.

Computing



During the term, I will be reintroducing Year 5 to 'Scratch', a coding programme which allows students to design and create their own animations and resolve issues found within coding.

Our aim for the term is to design and create an online game. Within these games, the children will use different coding techniques to choose what happens in their game: game over, new lives etc.



RE

During our RE lessons, children will be thinking about what inspires and guides them in their lives.

Also, we will be continuing to explore the Christian faith, in particular how the Christmas story is still relevant in today's society for Christians.



Design Technology

Our cookery unit will focus on cooking a traditional Victorian shepherd's pie, which was invented during Queen Victoria's reign.

We will compare a modern recipe to one used then, this will lead to discussions as to why the recipe has changed across the seasons.

WOW event!

Towards the end of the term, Year 5 and 6 will be holding a unique WOW event – 'A very Victorian Christmas'.

During the WOW event, we will share some of the Victorian Christmas traditions we still use today.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter as dates will be posted there.

PE



Every Thursday afternoon, the children will have a PE session with Mr Smith, our sports coach. He will cover a range of skills throughout the year.

I will also be taking the children for an addition PE session on Friday. We will be continuing our swimming practise with the aim of trying for our 25m badge in the final week.

It would be much appreciated if you could ensure that your child can remove their own earrings and, if needed, have a hair bobble or clips to keep their hair away from their face. Furthermore, please try to ensure that your child has the correct kit and that they remember to bring it in.