



# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

## Wider Curriculum

### Year 6 Class Notices:

**Chestnut:**  
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Mr Godridge



PE days:  
Tuesday and Thursday

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Mrs Stewart  
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PE days:  
Tuesday and Thursday

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Term: Autumn Two



### Welcome to Victorian Britain - a time of power, change and ingenuity.

Through our history lessons, we will be exploring the fascinating lives of people living in Victorian Britain.

We will delve into the lives of children living during these times, and compare their lives to our own. Furthermore, we will be exploring the revolutionary inventions of the Victorian era and the impact they have had on Britain and the wider world.

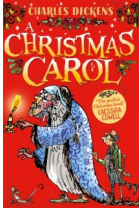
During our art lessons, we will be learning about one of the most influential British artists of the 19th century - William Morris. We will create our own decorative design inspired by nature.

### Science

In science, we will be studying electricity. We will construct simple series circuits, to help investigate questions about what happens when we try different components, for example, switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors. We will represent a simple circuit in a diagram using recognised symbols.

### English

This half term we will be reading 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.



Whilst reading the story, we will carry out an author study on famous Victorian author Charles Dickens and write his biography.

Inspired by the story, we will create character profiles for different characters in the book, including Scrooge, and then write our own chapter of 'A Christmas Carol'.

We will also look at classical poetry, where we will study The Railway Carriage by R L Stevenson, before writing our own version.

### Maths

Throughout the half term, we will continue to develop our understanding of written strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will also:

- Multiply and divide fractions by fractions and integers.
- Find fractions of an amount and solve problems involving this skill.
- Solve problems involving fractions.
- Convert between metric units of measure and solve problems.
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## PSHE



Each week, we will spend time doing circle time and PSHE sessions to allow the children to talk through any worries or concerns that they have. Within class, we also have our 'Thoughts and Feelings' box for the children to use at any time.

In PSHE lessons, we will be exploring diversity, equality and stereotyping, including gender stereotyping and racism. Furthermore, we will be learning about how our emotions change and how to cope with these changes.

## Computer

In computing lessons, we will look at how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration, and how to use these tools responsibly.

## RE

During our RE lessons, we will explore the meaning of stories drawn from religious sources and reflect upon the significance of key words, phrases or expressions.

## French

Through our French lessons, we will explore transport and we will use the correct vocabulary to describe a day out.

## PE

During our PE lessons, we will be exploring shape and balance in gymnastics. In our invasion games lesson, we will be learning to defend and attack in netball.

## Home Learning

Each half term, we require children to complete at least one homework project from the selection below.

Research Victorian toys. Create a poster advertising a Victorian toy or make your own version of it using materials you have at home.	Write a poem about an aspect of Victorian Britain. It could be about school, factories or even Queen Victoria!
Look at Victorian silhouettes. Have a go at making your own Victorian Silhouette of yourself or a family member.	Design and make a Victorian Christmas decoration. It could be a bauble, an ornament or a Christmas lantern.

### Reading

Children are encouraged to read their chosen text from the Accelerated Reader Programme throughout the week, both at school and at home. In school, children will then be given a quiz on their chosen book so that class teacher's can see their understanding of the text.

### Maths Homework

Remember to complete your Maths homework each week and hand it in by Wednesday!

### Spelling

Please practise the Year 3/4 and 5/6 common spelling words from National Curriculum Appendix (please ask your teacher for a list if you are unsure).