

# The Victorians

## ENGLISH

The children will be reading a text together every day and improving their comprehension skills. This term's class texts are as follows:

- Y3 Newton: *George's Marvellous Medicine* and *The Iron Man*
- Y3/4 Anning: *Varjak Paw* and *The Witches*
- Y4 Galileo: *The Legend of Podkin One Ear* and *Stig of the Dump*.

Over the term, we will use our class texts as a stimulus for writing stories, non-fiction texts and poetry. With spelling, we will continue to focus on rules and patterns, and we will help the children improve their writing and editing skills.

## FRENCH

The children will learn vocabulary to name and give their opinions about healthy food choices, including lots of fruit and vegetables! They will also learn to talk and write about transport and explain how they travel to school, giving their opinions.

## PSHE

This term the children will learn about the value of rules and laws, rights, freedom and responsibility. We will also be finding out about how the internet is used and learning how to assess information online. They will also learn about different jobs, stereotypes and setting personal goals.

## ART

The children will be using a range of drawing pencils to draw 3D objects. They will explore how different pencils can be used to achieve different effects and will use blending stumps to create smooth shading and highlights.



## HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

The children will learn about the changing power of monarchs using case studies including John, Anne and Victoria. They will focus on Queen Victoria and how Britain became the most powerful country in the world during her reign. We will explore the Victorian era, plotting key dates on a timeline and finding out about ways of life of for different groups of people, including children. We will look at how places such as London, including how land is used have changed over time. To support this topic, we will visit the Black Country Museum.

## MATHS

Year 3 will be focusing on multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions and mass and capacity. Year 4 will focus on multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions and decimals. The children will also have frequent opportunities to improve their fluency and mental maths skills, applying them purposefully.

## MUSIC

We will explore pentatonic melodies and syncopated rhythms, learning that the fundamental dimensions of music are the same all over the world. Newton Class will be learning how to play a brass instrument and we will also be doing lots of singing ready for our performance.

## DT

The children will further their knowledge of joining and stitching fabrics to design and make a coin purse inspired by *Oliver Twist*.

## SCIENCE

We will be considering how we need light to see things and how dark is the absence of light. We will look at how shadows are formed when light is blocked by an opaque object. Later, the children will learn about sound and how it is made. We will investigate how sound gets fainter further from the source and how the size of a vibration also affects the volume.

## RE

The children will be learning about the life of the founder of the Sikh faith, Guru Nanak. They will also learn about the basic beliefs and celebrations of the faith. Later, they will learn more about the story of Easter and how it is celebrated by Christians around the world.

## COMPUTING

The children will be learning to create sequences in a block-based programming language called Scratch to make music. We will then explore the links between events and actions in programs. The children will be writing algorithms that use a range of events to trigger sequences of actions.

## PE

The children will be developing their ability to balance on a line. They will learn about the importance evaluating performances and describing what they can do well. In gymnastics, the children will learn about different types of jumps and leaps. Pupils in Anning Class will be developing their swimming technique.