

# Year 1 Autumn Term

English	Children will be looking at stories in familiar settings, stories with repeating patterns, labels, lists, signs and information texts, songs and repetitive poems with pattern and rhyme. In their writing, they will begin to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, a question mark or exclamation mark; leaving spaces between words. Children will also learn a range of spelling rules and strategies as well as following the Letters and Sounds scheme for Phonics.
Maths	Children will practise counting objects accurately and begin to read, write and order numbers to 20. They will find number pairs to 10 and practise finding one more and one less, using mathematical language. They will improve their understanding of addition and subtraction before exploring 2d shape, position and direction and coins and their values.
Art and Design	During the term, children will have the chance to work with a range of media and develop their creative skills creating project work based on their class topic of The Victorians. They will be looking at the designs of William Morris and creating their own repeated wallpaper patterns based on these. The children will also be developing their observational skills and learning more about colour, light and shade.
Computing	Children will explore the following themes involved in e-safety: the meaning of staying safe online; the importance of keeping personal information and passwords safe; the potential dangers of meeting people online; how to find safe and reliable content; who to go to for help; and how to enjoy safely the many opportunities the internet has to offer.
Modern Foreign Languages	This term, children begin by working on the topic 'Au marché', where they will work on the vocabulary used in simple exchanges at the shops. The focus will primarily be on speaking and listening skills. We will then move on to the story 'T'choupi à la ferme' before linking back to the Victorians and Industrialisation by holding an Eiffel Tower competition. Encourage your child to research facts about the Eiffel Tower.
Music and Drama	In music Year 1 will focus on rhythm and pulse and the differences between the two. Children will learn how to improvise on an instrument against a steady beat. They will prepare a song for the Harvest Festival and Christmas Nativity. In drama the focus will be on developing characters through fantasy and daydream scenes as well as hot seating. The children will look closely at Victorian Britain and the roles of children at this time. They will use freeze frames, mime and improvisation to bring their ideas to life.
Topic – The Vile Victorians	Through our topic, 'The Vile Victorians' we will explore significant people from the past including Queen Victoria and Florence Nightingale, considering the differences between rich and poor people and their homes and occupations. During our Victorian Day, the children will learn about education in Victorian times and compare to education in the modern day. We will also be exploring Victorian connections within Leeds, including entertainment venues and historical buildings. Children will consolidate their understanding of the Victorians through a Victorian Christmas workshop at Thwaite Mill.



P.E and Games	Children will learn invasion games and ball skills including simplified versions of rugby, netball, basketball and hockey. Through these games they will learn transferrable skills such as balancing, throwing, catching, invading, positioning and communication. In swimming they will continue with their swimming technique and stamina as well as learning a variety of water skills such as surface diving and treading water.
PSHCEE	Children will explore the following themes relating to physical health and wellbeing: food associated with special times in different cultures, active playground games from around the world and sun-safety. When learning about keeping safe and managing risk they will explore: safety in familiar situations, personal safety and people who help keep them safe outside the home.
Science and DT	As the weather turns colder, children will explore seasonal changes; observing and describing weather associated with each season and how the day length varies. Children will identify Victorian inventions and technological developments, designing and making Victorian toys.
Outdoor Education	Activities this term will be based around the Victorians and will include making lanterns, a mini-project on Charles Darwin, extracts from 'A Christmas Carol' with devised drama scenes based around the camp fire, the origins of the Christmas tree and creating a simple steam engine.
Year 1's target this term is to take increased responsibility for their belongings and their learning.	