



Year 2 Autumn Term

English	<p>We will start this term with descriptive writing of characters and places linked to our Victorian topic, including writing a postcard from a Victorian child. The children will focus on using adjectives and adverbs to describe accurately. Poetry units will include repetitive songs and rhymes and traditional poems, using Edward Lear's 'The Owl and the Pussycat'. The children will explore stories by the same author, looking at children's versions of Oliver Twist and A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.</p> <p>Grammar skills will include: using familiar and new punctuation correctly when working independently including commas and exclamation marks and expanded noun phrases. In spellings we will be learning a range of spelling rules and strategies as well as following the Letters and Sounds scheme for Phonics.</p>
Maths	<p>Year 2 will consolidate their understanding of number, including counting and place value of 2 digit numbers and using different ways to present number. They will deepen their learning by applying this understanding to solve problems. Following this they will work on addition and subtraction skills, using concrete objects, pictorial representations, mental and written methods. The two above units will be consolidated further through the measurement unit of money. They will learn to recognise the symbols for money and to count, compare, add and subtract using money. Before Christmas children will have an introduction to multiplication and division, focusing on using equal groups and using the 2, 5 and 10 times table to solve problems.</p>
Art and Design	<p>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.</p>
Computing	<p>We will revisit the importance of E-Safety, including why to trust, who can help and the need to keep personal information safe. They will practise effective typing, and using Word to organise and present their work. We will combine these skills when researching information for a poster about the Victorians.</p>
Modern Foreign Languages	<p>This term, your child will begin by working on the topic 'Au marché', where we 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.</p>
Music and Drama	<p>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.</p> <p>In music Year 2 will explore duration and learn about rhythm in speech. They will write their own sentences and add the correct rhythms. Year 2 will also prepare songs for the Harvest Festival and Christmas Nativity.</p>
Topic – The Vile Victorians	<p>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>
P.E and Games	<p>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.</p>



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.
PSHCE	We will start the term by contributing to a whole school Peace Charter. Following this, children will explore physical health and wellbeing, including what keeps us healthy, eating well, physical activity and rest and basic hygiene. Next, they will look at the theme of Friendship, including special people in our lives, making friends and who can help friendships and learning how to resolve problems that might arise within friendships.
Science and Design Technology	Year 2's first topic is Animals, including humans. They will be taught to notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults, find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) and describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene, which will link to PSHCE. Within Design Technology, children will design and make their own Victorian toy.
Year 2's target this term is to listen to rise to the challenges of Year 2 by listening and responding to instructions from all members of staff.	