



# Topic: Victorious Victorians



Welcome back! We hope you've had a great holiday. The children made great progress last half term in Year 2. They settled well into their new year group and learned lots about the geography of the UK.

This half term we have a history focus, looking at how life has changed since the Victorian times. We will be looking at Victorian toys and making our own toy cars.

**OUR DRIVING QUESTION:** How can we, as designers, create a moving toy for the great Jewell toy exhibition?

### AS READERS:

We will be reading alternate versions of fairy tales and comparing these to the original texts. We will be working on our retrieval skills when reading: 'Tyrannosaurus Drip', 'The Pea and The Princess' and 'The Girl Who Cried Wolf'.

### AS WRITERS:

We will be writing our own versions of The Ugly Duckling Story and news reports. We will be learning to use contracted words and starting to extend our sentences using conjunctions.

### AS COMPUTER SCIENTISTS:

We will be learning about coding. We will also consider the different ways to be safe online, and what to do if something worries us.

### AS DESIGNERS:

We will be designing and making a toy car that can move on different surfaces. We will learn about how wheels and axles work and add these to our creations.

### AS MATHEMATICIANS:

We will be learning addition, subtraction, multiplication and division methods and we will focus on rapidly recalling the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will also be looking at money, counting sets of different coins.

### AS HISTORIANS:

We will be learning about life in the Victorian era. We will compare it to life now and learn about key historical figures from that time.

### AS CITIZENS:

We are learning about similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will learn how to solve problems and how to help others.

### AS ATHLETES:

We will be learning how to hold different balances and focusing on fundamental movement skills.

### AS LINGUISTS:

We will be learning the names of different musical instruments in French.

## YEAR 2 AUTUMN TERM 2

### WEEKLY HOME LEARNING:

- Reading— Books will be changed on Mondays (further reading available on Bug Club).
- Lexia—30 minutes.
- Weekly spelling practice on Spelling Shed (5 rounds)
- TT Rockstars (20 minutes)

Please ask your class teacher if you need assistance with usernames/passwords.

### HOME LEARNING TOPIC PROJECT:

Create a fact-file, a poster or a model about the Victorian times. This can be presented in any creative way and may include facts and information about the Victorians.

**Deadline: Thursday 25th November**

### KEY VOCABULARY:

history	Queen Victoria
artefact	Prince Albert
Victorian	wheel
Chronology	school
Invention	slate
chalk	