

Year 2: Autumn 2 Term 2023



Victorious Victorians



Driving Question:

How can we, as historians, compare the past and the present?

Launch:

On November 21st and 22nd Whales and Sea Lions respectively will be visiting East Dorset Museum and experiencing what life was like for Victorian children.

Overview:

In our new topic, we will be learning about the <u>Victorian era</u>. Children will compare modern life with life for Victorian children. We will learn about important Victorian individuals and why they are famous as well as investigating Victorian inventions.

Writing

Learning how

to write to

inform through

recounts and

instructions.



History

Compare the modern world with the life of the Victorian era.

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Exploring the use of wheels and axles on different toys.

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Science

Investigating the best materials to perform specific jobs.

Vocabulary:

Victorian
Queen Victoria
Prince Albert
steam engine
blackboard
rocking horse
chimney sweep
mangle
morse code
x-ray
slum

Learning conversations to have at home:

Discuss with your child the word Victorian. What do they understand this word to mean? Do they know it has something to do with history? How long ago was the Victorian era? Why is the Victorian era important?

The Victorian period refers to the time period during the reign of Queen Victoria from 20 June 1837 until 22 January 1901.

Have a look around our local area or town - can you find any buildings that are Victorian? Can you find any houses which are Victorian?

Bournemouth Pier started life as a little wooden jetty in 1855. In 1861 a wooden pier was built and was replaced in 1880 by an iron version.

Topic Home learning:

Please select one or more of the following options to create:

- A model of a Victorian invention
- A fact file about a famous Victorian
- A diary entry for a Victorian child

Due on or before: Monday 5th December 2023.



Future Careers:

Children will be meeting a museum curator who will demonstrate to them the historical research skills used to create a museum display about Victorians.

Landing:

Children will share their learning about Victorians in a presentation to Year 1. They will demonstrate their Victorian invention they have made in design and technology.

Reading

This term our key text is 'Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine' by Gloria Whelan. This is a fascinating tale based on the life of the famous queen - when Queen Victoria can't work out how to change for swimming with some privacy, her beloved Prince Albert comes to the rescue.

Have you ever heard of a bathing machine? What might it be?

How do Queen Victoria's swimming clothes compare with how people swim now?



Which part of this story do you think is real and which part is fiction?

What do you think this story might be about?

English

- ★ Write a recount of our trip.
- ★ Spelling suffixes ed , ing, and adding y/er/est.
- ★ To write consistently in the past tense.

How can you help at home?

- → Can you think of any words ending with the ed, ing, y, er and est? Have a go at writing sentences which include them.
- → Bug club comprehension activities.

Maths

- ★ Adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers.
- ★ Recognise and use all coins and notes to £50.
- ★ Recognising 2D and 3D shapes.

How can you help at home?

- → When you are out shopping ask your child to add up tens and ones mentally.
- → Ask your child to identify numbers around the home up to 100.
- → Use Numbots to support quick recall.

Science

We are learning about <u>materials</u> and how best to select a material for a specific function.

History

We are learning about <u>Victorians</u>, looking at their impact on our world and comparing lifestyles.

Music

Getting into the Christmas spirit with the song 'Ho! Ho! Ho!' and other Nativity songs.

PSHE

We are thinking about differences, accepting others and getting on despite these.

Art

We will be using a range of materials creatively to design and make products to support our topic.

Computing

Learning about e-safety and inputting different types of codes.

Design and Technology

This half term, we will be learning about wheels and axles on toys.

Physical Education

We are learning movement skills to help us in games and different holds in gymnastics.

Spanish

We are learning key vocabulary including greetings, colours and numbers.

Religious Education

We are learning about Christianity and why Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 21st November - Whales trip to East Dorset Museum for a Victorian experience. Wednesday 22nd November - Sea Lions trip to East Dorset Museum for a Victorian experience.