

English	Maths	Topic: CHARLES DICKENS	Other Curriculum Areas	What You Can Do To Help Your Child This Term
<p><u>Reading:</u> The children will obviously be reading some of the works of Charles Dickens this term, looking at various versions of his texts and different adaptations of his work, both written and film forms. Children will continue to develop their comprehension skills through detailed discussion of their reading, and there will be a clear focus on building inferences, reading between the lines of a text to help form meaning and opinions.</p> <p><u>Writing:</u> Using what they have learnt from their reading, children will be writing descriptions of cruel characters and sinister settings. They will work towards producing their own Victorian book from scratch.</p> <p><u>SPaG:</u> It is important that the children use accurate and appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar in their work as well as learning new rules and patterns for when various devices are used.</p>	<p>The children will spend much of the first half term focused on working on their number skills, looking at developing an appropriate method for all four operations in written and mental calculations and developing a solid understanding of place value.</p> <p>We will look at fractions. How to add, subtract, multiply and divide with fractions and compare and order, as well as finding fractions of amounts.</p> <p>Finally, we will focus on position and direction, looking at co-ordinates, translation and reflection of shapes in all four quadrants.</p>	<p>The children will be looking at all things Victorian, focusing on the life and times of Charles Dickens.</p> <p><u>History</u> – The reign of Queen Victoria, Victorian life, school in Victorian times, work houses, the rich / poor divide and the Industrial Revolution.</p> <p><u>Geography</u> – How the landscape of the country changed because of industry and the difference between urban and rural lifestyles and trade and economics.</p> <p><u>Art</u> – Children will look at the work of William Morris and will produce their own printed and drawn patterns inspired by his work as well as charcoal drawings in the style of Lowry and printing.</p> <p><u>DT</u> – The children will be making their own books, marbling the pages before binding and finishing them to make them look authentically Victorian.</p> <p><u>Music</u> – Victorian music hall and creating their own street seller cries</p> <p><u>Computing</u> – We will be looking at programming applications and games based on an aspect of Victorian life.</p>	<p><u>Science</u> – The main focus of the curriculum in our science lessons at the beginning will be looking at Darwin's work, inheritance and variation. The children will engage in both practical and theoretical lessons and conduct research and experiments on the topics we cover. We will then move on to looking at the circulatory system in humans and other animals.</p> <p><u>PE</u> – The children will have games and PE lessons throughout the term focusing on gymnastics and tag rugby.</p> <p><u>RE</u> – The children will look at 2 units from the RE curriculum this term: Humanism and Buddhism.</p> <p><u>MFL</u> – Children will continue to develop their language in French this year; written, aural and oral skills.</p>	<p>As you are aware, the children will be sitting statutory assessments in May. Whilst these shouldn't cause too much stress and anxiety, it is important that the children are prepared and know what to expect.</p> <p>The children should practice and learn their times tables fully and develop their mental maths skills.</p> <p>Furthermore, it is important that the children read each night and are regularly questioned on what they've read to help improve their comprehension.</p> <p>Finally, children should be encouraged to complete their homework fully and hand it in on time on a weekly basis. Similarly, when revision is set, it is important that the children are using the resources they're given to help them fully.</p> 

### Advance Trip Notification

When a trip is arranged, notification will be given in advance.

### PE

PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** this term, please ensure full kits are in school each week.

### Homework / Spellings

Homework is set on a Friday and due in the following **Wednesday**. Spellings tested weekly (Friday).

As always, if anyone has any questions or queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact me. Likewise if any parents feel they have an expertise knowledge or particular interest in any aspect of what we are covering I would love to hear from you.

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