



Topic Learning Letter

Year Five

Topic	Our topics this term are The Victorians and Climate Change. We will be exploring the history of the Victorian era through the novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty.
Launch and Land	We will launch our topic with a dramatic insight into Victorian schooling and land with a visit to Audley End House. We will launch our Climate change topic by looking at videos and headlines released by NASA, revealing current concerns about the state of our planet. We will land our topic by sharing our climate change banners with others to highlight the issues that our world is facing.
Trips / Visitors	We will visit the William Morris Gallery to gain inspiration for our art topic. Then we will visit Audley End House to land our Victorian topic where, dressed as Victorians, the children will learn about Victorian life.
English	Our focus this term will be on narrative with an emphasis on character and recount. You can help your child by discussing how characters are portrayed in their favourite books. We will also be learning about non-chronological reports, linked to our Climate Change topic.
Maths	We will kick off the new year with fractions before moving on to decimals and percentages. Dinner time is a perfect opportunity to reinforce this when cutting cakes or pizza!
Science	In science this term we will be investigating forces before moving on to looking at life cycles and animal habitats, linked to our visit to Forest School.
Computing	We will be undertaking a graphics unit on vector drawings. During the second half term we will be exploring computer systems, networking and shared document use.
History/Geography	An in-depth enquiry into the Victorians is the focus of our history this term and in Geography we will be developing our understanding of Climate Change.
Design and Technology / Art	We will be taking inspiration from William Morris and producing our own wallpapers in art using modern printing methods. In DT we will be designing and making our own toys using cams.
Music	During the first half of the term we will be studying sea shanties and looking at beat, rhythm, time signatures, chords, bass and dot notations. After half term we will continue to look at rhythm as well as ensemble playing with our very own samba band and preparing songs to entertain in the class assembly.
PSHE	In PHSE the topics will be on our Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me, in which we will be learning about making healthy lifestyle choices.
French	In French this term we will be covering "Chez Moi" and "Les Vêtements".
Reminders	Both classes will be doing PE on Monday afternoon during the first half of the Spring term. Year 5 will be swimming for the second half of the term and will also have PE on a Thursday. Forest School will take place after February half term and we will send out more information about this nearer the time.

If you have any questions or concerns at all please talk to one of the Year Five Team.