

### English

This term we will read Charles Dickens's Oliver Twist and use the story as the basis for our writing and grammar work. Children will write a first-person narrative from Oliver's point of view and compose informal letters between characters to develop voice and tone.

During swimming week they will focus on targeted grammar practice — using inverted commas for speech, apostrophes to show possession and adverbials to add detail — and apply these skills in short activities.

### Computing

In computing, we will be using Purple Mash to explore coding. We will learn how to use different commands such as flowcharts, timers and repeat. We will then use this to make our own interactive scene.

### Maths

This term we will be building on our work on fractions by finding fractions of amounts and progressing to adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. We will then move on to reading time on analogue clocks and calculating duration, including comparing times given in seconds, minutes and hours. In arithmetic sessions, children will continue to practise the 3, 4 and 8 times tables and revisit the written methods for multiplication and division to consolidate learning.

## Year 3 – Term 5

### What was it like for children living in Victorian Britain?



### History

Our main focus this term is answering the key question 'Would I prefer to grow up now or in the Victorian times?' The children will be learning about what life was like for children growing up in Victorian times, starting with our visit to the Victorian school.

### PSHE

Our focus this term is 'Relationships'. We will discuss developing and maintaining friendships and how to deal with problems that may occur with friends. There will be a focus on communication, how to respect other people, understanding how important it is to look after our bodies and what to do when we are feeling upset or hurt.

### Science - Light

This term we will explore what happens when light reflects off a mirror or other reflective surfaces and answer questions about how light behaves. We will think about why it is important to protect our eyes from bright lights, remembering that it is not safe to look directly at the Sun. We will observe and measure, shadows and find out how they are formed, including what might cause the shadows to change.

### French

The theme this term in French is 'Our School'. Key vocabulary will be classroom objects, classroom subjects, places around the school and giving commands and instructions.

### DT

In DT, we will be linking our project to the Victorian school experience. The children will be designing and making a book mark using cross-stitch, based on cross stitch samplers which were common in the Victorian times.

### Upcoming visits:

#### Sevington Victorian School:

- Class 7: 14 April
- Class 8: 16 April

Please ensure your child wears a Victorian child's costume and brings an authentic lunch on their visit day. If you have any queries about costumes or what counts as an authentic lunch, please ask their class teacher.

#### Swimming lessons:

- Class 8: Every morning during the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> April
- Class 7: Every morning during the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> April

Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit and towel every day.

### P.E.

PE this term will be cricket, rounders and practising for sports day, as well as swimming. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times. This needs to include shoes suitable for PE outside.

### RE

In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism, focussing on the key question 'How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?'