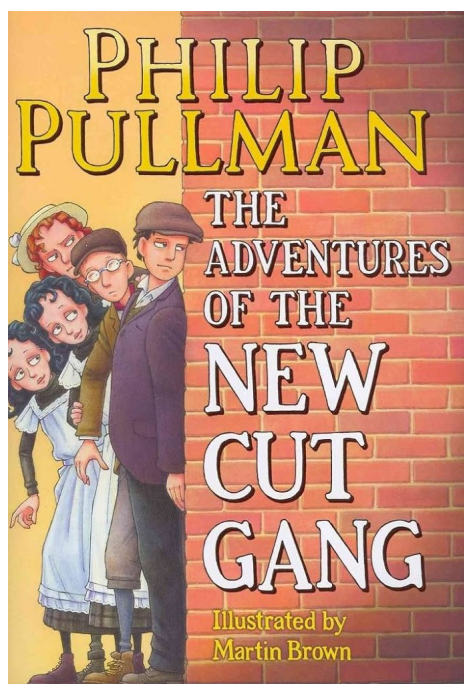


Curriculum Newsletter

Year 6

Autumn Term

Victorians



Welcome to Year 6! Our topic this term is The Victorians. The children will be finding out about life in Victorian Britain, focusing on schools, work houses, the expansion of the railway and the industrial revolution. Our key text this half term will be *The Adventures of the New Cut Gang* by Phillip Pullman. We will delve into the themes presented in this narrative genre related to creating mystery and suspense in the book and will employ these skills in our writing. Keep your eyes peeled for information about the children's exit point, we will be sharing pictures of the children's learning from the term via Parent Hub.

Vocabulary

Industrial
Revolution
Typhoid
Monarchy
Workhouse
Slums
Expansion
Sovereign
Constable
Empire
Etiquette

Ideas for home learning

- Find out about the industrial revolution in and around Tulse Hill and Brixton
- Visit the Rag school
- Visit West Norwood cemetery and learn about the **Magnificent Seven** cemeteries built in the Victorian period
- Research and find as many 'stink pipes' as they can in the local area.

Key messages

Keep an eye out for secondary transition information
Read every day—sign reading records
Onyx PE days - Tuesdays and Thursdays
Rugby PE days— Wednesday & Thursday
Homework Maths and Spelling worksheets every Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

In **English** we will be exploring the text *The adventures of the new cut gang* by Philip Pullman We will be:

- Contrasting school life then and new and writing diary entries
- Writing a newspaper report to both inform and entertain, using direct and reported speech.
- Writing short narratives, focusing on creating a mystery that needs to be solved.

We will also be doing daily SPaG sessions focusing on word class (nouns, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, verbs, prepositions and determiners) this term.

In **Computing** we will be:

- Refreshing our knowledge of e-safety and communication.
- Focusing on how to be safe and sensible when using mobile devices.

In **Science** we will be learning about Light and Electricity:

- Investigate the effect of cells
- Create a scientific diagram
- Plan an investigation to test the effects of changing a component.

In **PE** we will be learning about Tag Rugby

- Practising defending
- Practising attacking
- Practising agility and awareness of opponents.
- Learning the correct passes.

In **Music** we will be:

- Learning how to use our voice in a range of ways.
- Exploring melodies, harmonies and rhythms.

In **Maths** we will be:

- Learning about place value by multiplying and dividing by powers of 10.
- Developing our use of the formal written methods for different calculations.
- Applying the formal calculation methods to solve multi-step problems in context.
- Applying number facts to help improve our mental calculation strategies.

We will also have weekly arithmetic sessions.

Year 6—Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview *The Victorians*

In **Topic** we will be: learning about the Victorian era and we will be:

- Looking at life in Victorian Britain
- Schools in Victorian Britain
- The workhouse and debtors' prison
- Work life and the class system
- The expansion of the railways
- Famous black Victorians

In **RE** we will be developing our knowledge of Christianity by thinking about:

- Fundamental beliefs
- The story of Jesus