

## English

This term, English lessons will be based around the novel *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. From this we will explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts such as informal letter writing, diaries, non-chronological report and stories. We will explore the struggles faced by the characters during the Victorian period and explore the ways Doherty uses description effectively. We will be teaching SPaG (spelling, grammar and punctuation) as part of our English lessons. Specific grammatical terminology will be constantly used and applied throughout lessons. Spelling will be an ongoing focus throughout the year. Reading skills will be taught discretely every Friday through comprehension activities. This will allow the children to deepen their inference skills as well as enhancing their written work and vocabulary by magpie-ing from authors.

## Music

We will continue to practise our singing through assemblies and the use of *Sing Up* and *Music Express*. This term we are exploring ways in which music is used in film both to create soundtracks and sound effects.

## Computing

Our computing work will explore the impact of video. We will create and edit our own videos using the ipads and explore techniques such as panning to improve our work.

## French

Our French focus this term is on clothing. We will learn general vocabulary, further explore feminine and masculine sentence construction, and speak and write in sentences about our clothing.

## P.E.

During our outdoor PE sessions, we will be focusing on improving and developing our passing, tackling and defending skills in hockey. Whilst inside, we will be developing our gymnastic skills further, following on from our work last term.

## Numeracy

We will open our year by returning once again to place value and the four operations and written methods for calculations. We will be predominantly focusing on longer multiplication and division using 2 and 3 digit numbers. It is vital that at this stage in their schooling career, children are proficient in their times tables (which can be practised at home using Times Table Rockstars) and have secure methods when solving problems.

## History

During history lessons we will be exploring life during the Victorian period. We will discuss significant historical figures and find out about the legacies they have left. We will spend a day at Sevington Victorian school allowing us to experience a day in the life of a Victorian child.

## R.E.

In our RE, we will explore places of worship for a range of religions and ask ourselves, 'What Would Jesus Do?' when focusing on the Christian faith.

## Art/DT

Our art and creative work will all be focused around our topic. We will start by looking at artists who are known for their portraits. We will explore creating self-portraits before creating portraits of Queen Victoria. Later in the term, we will construct wooden Victorian toys accurately assembling, joining and combining components.

## Science

Science work this term will be focused on materials and their properties. We will be investigating different materials and their suitability based on properties such as flexibility, thermal and electrical conductivity and permeability.

## PSHE

We will continue to explore our rights and responsibilities both as a citizen in this country and as a member of our school in line with our British Values. We will also explore the meaning of democracy and what it means to live in one.

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