



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Tuesday 12th September, 2023

Years 1 and 2

Kings and Queens: The Victorians

We're starting the year with a really great theme, learning all about the Victorian era! To help us to learn new facts, in English, we will be reading the non-fiction book 'You wouldn't want to be a Victorian school child'. Then we will learn how to write our own facts about living in the Victorian era.

In history, we will learn about life in a Victorian school including what children wore, the lessons they did and the type of games they played on the playground. We've also got an exciting school trip planned to visit the Wilderspin Victorian Museum in Barton where we'll use role play to experience what school-life was like for a Victorian child.

As artists, we will learn how to make repeating pattern prints using a printing block in the style of the artist Karl Schmidt-Rottluff. We'll also be designing our own postage stamps using the printing techniques that we learn.

The key knowledge we want the children to learn this half term is what life was like in a Victorian school and how it compares to school today.

How You Can Help at Home

- Please listen to your child read his/her reading book at least three times a week.
- Read fun stories with your child.
- Help your child to learn to dress themselves and tie their shoelaces.
- Count to 100 and back each day.
- Practice handwashing with soap and water.
- Please label your child's uniform and PE kit. The PE days are:

Rabbit Class: Tuesday and Thursday

Owl Class: Tuesday and Thursday

Fox Class: Tuesday and Wednesday



A Great Start to the Year

The children have made a fantastic start and are happy and settled in their new classes. They look really smart in their uniforms and thoroughly enjoyed the launch of our theme 'Kings and Queens - The Victorians' by dressing up.



Dates for your diary

KS1 will be taking part in a pre-pedal (balance bikes) programme run by First Steps Sports during our PE sessions, this half term.

Friday 6th October: National Poetry Day.

Tuesday 10th October: Owls and Rabbits school trip to Wilderspin Victorian School Museum.

Wednesday 11th October: Foxes school trip to Wilderspin Victorian School Museum.

Tuesday 17th October and Wednesday 18th October: Parents' Evening.

Monday 23rd October: Spanish Week.

Date TBC: Harvest Festival for parents.

Friday 27th October: School closes for half term.