

English.

Our English work this term will be based around Charles Dickens and Victorian times. In keeping with our topic, the children will find out who Dickens was; forming a short biography about his life and writing. The children will have the chance to consider some of the themes and topics of his writing. We will then focus on *Oliver Twist*, exploring the setting and characters of the story. We will focus on descriptive writing of some scenes from the story, then explore some retellings. Children will learn and perform the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes and explore character perspective. In the second half of term, we will read 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens and write a diary entry for one of the characters.

Mathematics.

In our mathematics sessions this term we will be building on the children's knowledge and understanding of problem solving with the four operations. We will be learning about patterns and rules for different types of numbers, as well as developing our written and mental calculations in multiplication and division. The children will also be exploring the relationship between percentages, fractions and decimals, how to identify 2D and 3D shapes, and what methods are appropriate when faced with a problem to solve.

Science.

Our science topics this term are 'Electricity' and 'Forces'. The children will explore the terminology related to electricity such as current and voltage, exploring how the brightness of a lamp or volume of a buzzer changes depending on the power source connected to it. The children will draw simple or parallel circuits. They will use their knowledge of electrical circuits to create a circuit with either a buzzer or a light for a specific purpose. The children will consider a range of forces and what the impact of balanced and uneven forces are on objects.

Humanities: Our topic this term is based around the history of Pree since the building of school. The children will consider what life might have been like for children who first attended the school during the reign of Queen Victoria. They will explore signs of how the building was once used. The children then will focus on how life in Pree changed over the next century, throughout the Wars and up to the modern day. As part of this work, we will be exploring the lives of families from the area as well as how aspects of transport and general life changed.

P.S.H.E. (Personal, Social and Health Education)

During PSHE lessons this term, the children will first focus on a unit called 'Being me in my World'. In this, they will consider target setting and consider what unites them as a group. This will then lead to our second unit called 'Celebrating Difference'.

P.E.

This term, the children will be attending swimming lessons. They will be practising a variety of strokes to improve their strength and stamina in the pool. The children will also be taking part in invasion games such as tag rugby and netball.

Art and Design.

This term, our learning will be centred around the idea of print works. The children will be focusing on the inspirational works of William Morris, where we will be creating our own tiles to produce a print. The children will be practising their pencil line skills in the process before evaluating their artwork.

Design and Technology.

In D&T, the children will be learning about electrical systems, creating complex switches and circuits. They will be designing through the use of sketching, producing a step-by-step plan, before ending with an evaluation of what has been created.

R.E. To begin, the children will be working on the unit 'Why do some people believe in God and some people not?' This unit focuses on ideas and answers from Christians about belief in God. Following this, we will be learning about Hinduism and builds on work that children will have done earlier in Key Stage 2.

Computing: In computing, the children will be learning about Bletchley Park and its importance during the war. The focus will be on the importance of keeping data secure for individuals and businesses, before we identify and study significant historical figures in computing.

Music. This term, music will take place on Thursday afternoons. The children will work with a specialist music teacher exploring pieces of music, using different instruments, and composing their own musical compositions. Children will use different musical terms to describe and analyse music.

Spanish This term, the children will learn common Spanish greetings as well as how to respond to questions such as what their name is, their age and what the weather is like. Children will continue to rehearse spoken Spanish and will begin to record and translate some written Spanish.

Possible ways of helping your child with their work this half term:

- Ensure that they complete any homework given.
- Visit the library to look at or borrow books connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Use the internet and visit some of the websites listed below to research information.
- Visit places of interest connected with the work that your child is doing.
- Allow your child to bring information into school to share with the rest of the class.

Useful Websites:

- <http://www.kidrex.org/>
a brilliant child friendly search engine.
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/victorians/children/schools.htm>
a useful source of information about life in Victorian schools.
- <https://ttrockstars.com/>
for continuing practise of times tables facts

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Curriculum Information for Parents
Rowan Class
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