

## Year 5 Term 2- Queen Victoria (HISTORY)

Enquiry Question: How did people's lives change during Queen Victoria's rein?

In this topic, we will learn all about significant changes focusing specifically on Queen Victoria who came to the throne when she was just 18 years old. She then ruled Britain for over 60 years. During this long reign, the country acquired unprecedented power and wealth. Next the children will learn how society was stratified in Victorian Britain and what life was like for people in different social classes. They will explore what a Victorian workhouse was like and why it was used. They will see that life for children in Victorian times was very different to children in today's Britain focusing in particular on work, education and health.

In the concluding lessons, children will learn about the changing power of monarchs after Queen Victoria's death: from Edward VII to George V.

## MATHS

This term we will be continuing addition and subtraction skills where we will revisit written methods for these calculations. We will progress onto multiplication, division and fractions. We will have a strong emphasis on mental maths calculations and using manipulatives to deepen our understanding of mathematical concepts.

## ENGLISH

Our class text is 'Street Child'. This fictional story, set in Victorian London, will be the focus for our class reading sessions. Using the class text, we will be writing a historical narrative to develop our descriptive language and a persuasive advert.

## Art

We will further develop our understanding of art by focussing on the works of William Morris. We will sketch and draw our designs first and then learn the skill of lino printing by using tools to create our print.

## COMPUTING

This term in computing, we will focus on strategic searching online. The children will learn to use search engines with increasing efficiency. They will also learn how to refine their searches using various techniques.

## SCIENCE

We will look at properties and changes of materials. We will consider what objects are made from and why. We will continue to perform scientific tests and test thermal conductors and insulators.

## MFL

Our French topic is 'All about ourselves'. We will learn how to describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing in the context of activities in the classroom or around school. We will apply knowledge of sentence structure.

## MUSIC

All the learning in this unit is focused around learning how to play the ukulele. We will learn how to hold the instrument correctly and strum open string patterns rhythmically and on the beat.

## RE

We will be learning all about Hindu Prayer this term. The children will understand that prayer and worship can be a way of connecting with a higher power or inner self. We will also understand how special places reflect the values, beliefs and identities of different individuals and communities.

## PE

Our outdoor PE sessions this term will focus on Tennis where we will improve our stroke, rallying and game play. Our indoor PE sessions will be Gymnastics with Shepway Sports Trust.

## PSHE

We will learn about being yourself. We will talk about everyday things that affect feelings and the importance of expressing feelings. We will also follow Unit 2 of My Happy Minds which is about celebrating our character and strengths.