



4th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday.

Our topic this half term is **The Victorians**. The children will be learning about what life was like in the Victorian era. We will be looking at the reign of Queen Victoria and some of the changes that occurred during her reign. We will find out what life was like for children during Victorian times and make comparisons to our lives now.

In **English** we will start with a non-fiction unit based around a book called ***The Emperor's Egg***. We will learn all about the life-cycle of a penguin and will write a non-fiction report page about Emperor penguins. We will also write a setting description and a poem about Antarctica. We will then do a unit on **instructions**. Children will create their own outside games and will write instructions for how to play them.

In **Maths** we will finish our work on **money** and start a unit on **multiplication and division**. Children will be learning a range of strategies to solve multiplication and division problems.

In **Science**, we will be learning about **plants**, including the different parts of plants, their life cycle, germination, looking at which plants we can eat and comparing different plants.

In **PE** we will be doing lots of **games** that focus on agility, balance and coordination. We will also be doing some **gymnastics** and **dance**. Please look at the weekly overview to find out when your child's PE days are each week.

Reading

Please make sure your child brings in their books and reading journal on their reading day. Your child will continue to take part in a guided reading session and new books will be sent home for them each week. It is important that you continue to read with your child at home regularly.

Phonics, spelling and handwriting

Each week children will continue to be given 6 spellings to learn by the end of the week. The spellings can be found on our weekly overview. We will send home a spelling activity sheet every Tuesday which children can complete at home. We will practise handwriting three times a week. This half term we will focus on joining certain letters together.

Music

In music, we will be listening, appraising and singing songs with a Victorian theme. We will be learning about call and response songs, ostinatos, pulse, rhythm and pitch.

Computing

In computing, we will start programming using the program Scratch Junior.

PHSE

Our PHSE lessons this half-term will focus on health and well-being, including steps to success, having a growth mindset, healthy eating and teeth.

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Religion and Worldviews

Our unit this term explores ideas about the natural world and our place in it and how they relate to religious and other beliefs. The unit will cover some of the beliefs associated with Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Humanism.

MyMaths

Some new activities for this term have been added to MyMaths. There are a range of activities based on what we are learning at school this term, including money, multiplication and division. Some of the activities your child may be able to do independently, but with some of them your child may need some adult support.

School Trip

As part of our previous learning on **Structures**, we have booked a trip to **Tower Bridge** where we will take part in a fun and interactive workshop about Jumping Buses. Each class will go on a different day:

- Thursday 19th January: **2P**
- Friday 20th January: **2O**
- Monday 23rd January: **2R**
- Friday 27th January: **2B**

Children will need a packed lunch on the day of their trip. Packed lunches can be provided for children eligible for Free School Meals. We have a limited number of adult tickets so please speak to your class teacher if you would like to accompany us on this trip.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 30th January: INSET day (school is closed for all children)

Friday 17th March: INSET day (school is closed for all children)

2nd March: World Book Day

27th – 31st March: Cultures of Coleridge week

28th & 29th March: Parents evening (online)

Haringey term dates 2022/2023: <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools-and-education/information-parents/term-dates>

If you have any questions or queries then please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are looking forward to a very happy and successful term.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 2 Team

Headteacher Leon Choueke