

# Victorians

## Year 3 and 4 Overview Letter for Term 2

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to a fascinating term two, taking a step back in time to look at Old Town in Victorian times.

The main focus will be Victorian childhood, as our school has its origins in this era. Children will be looking at what jobs children did, games, life at school and childhood expectations for Victorian children from a range of backgrounds. We will also look at how the Victorians influenced Christmas traditions. As part of this topic, the children will learn about some famous Victorians to fully appreciate the pioneering time that this was.

The children will be covering history and geography skills such as internet research, map work, looking at historical evidence, comparing old and new, creating timelines and investigating changes in environments due to population change.

Children will also be sketching and looking at the work of William Morris and crafting using quilling. In English children will explore texts with Victorian settings to develop empathy and understanding of setting and plot.

Sportsworks will continue for an hour each week, where the children will have a dedicated hour with a sports coach. Year 3 will be completing their Primary Steps workshops in partnership with The Royal Ballet School.

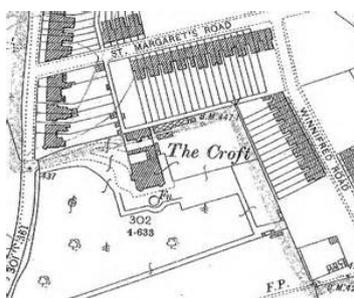
More details about each of the subject areas, including science and mathematics, are on our website so that you are fully aware of what your child will be doing in school. We look forward to working with you and hope that this letter will help you in supporting your child as they continue on their learning journey this autumn.



## Project Homework

We really like to encourage independent study and creative thinking, so any projects undertaken at home will be very welcome. We present this as an optional extra homework, but we really do like to encourage as many children as possible to take part, not least because the skills they use in talking about their projects give them super confidence building opportunities. Any work around Victorians, their history, innovations or famous people of the time will be enthusiastically received and could take any form from video presentations or a poster to a Brunel- inspired bridge.

**Please bring projects to school by the 3<sup>rd</sup> December.  
Projects will be presented to the class during this week.**



### Practical matters:

#### Helping out in class

We welcome parent helpers - especially to listen to readers in the morning. If you can help, please drop a note in; we will be very pleased to hear from you.

#### Uniform

As children get older we find that peer pressure starts to influence what children wear. Please support us in keeping children in the correct school uniform, including P.E kit. Please save nail varnish, jewellery and other accessories for the weekend.

#### Home Reading

We believe all children in year 3 and 4 continue to need supervision and support with reading and reading comprehension. Please continue to hear children read as much as possible and sign reading records. Many children will be collecting their 50 read prizes after half term ☺

We are looking forwards to another fabulous term,

Many thanks

Ms Short, Mr. Ballard, Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Rajska, Mrs. Moran, Mr. Tanner

Year 3 and 4 Team