

English

There will be four main components to our English lessons each week in Key Stage 2. Statutory spellings and spelling rules will be taught daily using Read Write Spell, a progressive scheme that builds on children's current knowledge. To learn and recall grammar skills, children will engage with 10 differentiated questions four times a week. These skills will be expanded on in writing lessons. In our writing lessons, we will also be covering modal verbs, relative clauses, plural and possessive apostrophes and inverted commas this half term. For our writing sessions, these will all stem from our learning in history, all around The Victorians. We will be writing biography on Queen Victoria, a diary entry as if they were Queen Victoria, they will create a newspaper report on the famous inventions they carried out. They will carry out a local study and a persuasive leaflet based on Scarborough in the Victorian times. The children will also continue to do a comprehension three times a week based on our current book.

Maths

Each day in Maths we will complete 10 differentiated arithmetic questions that will be marked with the children so they can check and understand the variety of methods used.

This term the topic for maths is place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. For the next half term, we will move onto Fractions.

Investigators also have a challenge station what they are encouraged to use in order to build on their knowledge, the challenge station includes various manipulative and challenge cards which they can take the opportunity to practice SAT style questions in a comfortable and accessible way.

History

Our new topic this term is 'Transport and Travel'. The main focus for this topic is Victorians, where we will be learning about the local people, the Queen and the inventions that they carried out. We will continue to solidate and develop secure knowledge and understanding of Britain, local and world history, establishing clear narratives within and across the periods. The children will also be taking part in a school trip to Beamish Museum in order to expand their knowledge on the current topic, this will take place in March. The children will also get the opportunity to come to school dressed as a Victorian for a Victorian day. This will entail a tasting menu, Victorian lessons,, rules and games – This will take place on the 27th January.

Investigators Newsletter Spring Term Topic: Transport and Travel



RE

Our new topic this term is: What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

Music

For music, the children will be learning about the history of musical theatre and they will be identifying the main features of Samba.

Science

Investigators new topic for Spring term 1 is the human species including animals.
Spring term 2, the children will be experimenting with light.

Computing

For ICT this term, the children will be working on data, barcodes, and RFID.

French

Spring Term 1 topic: French transport.
Spring Term 2: Verbs

PE

PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon, lead by HAWKES, the children will be focusing on fundamental skills and athletics.
On Thursday afternoons the children will go swimming.
Children will need to come to school in PE kit on a Tuesday and a Thursday.

Art & D&T

Spring Term 1: Investigators will be exploring expressive drawing techniques and considering how symbolised art can convey meaning.
In Spring Term 2, the children will carry out D&T which will consist of designing a playground

Geography

For Geography this term, Investigators will be continuing to develop and understanding on countries, maps, environmental regions and major cities. Victorians, their local streets and their inventions will be the main focus.

PSHE

Our topic is 'keeping myself safe'. We will also be running 'My Happy Mind' alongside our PSHE lessons which will aim to help develop the children's confidence, self esteem and resilience.