



Class 4 Newsletter

Spring 2024

Welcome Back!
Mrs Jolley & Mrs Falshaw
'Believe and Achieve Together'

Welcome Back! We hope that all of you had a very special Christmas and Happy New Year! It's time to 'spring' back into action after Christmas! A great term is ahead with lots of exciting activities and learning. We have a new exciting Topic focus on the Victorians - there will be much to keep us all busy!

Literacy: As readers we will be focussing on reading comprehension skills such as skimming and scanning, identifying main ideas and predicting events. We are going to enjoy a whole class read of 'Far from Home' by Berlie Doherty, which is the story of two Victorian children.

As writers we will be developing our fiction and non-fiction writing through a variety of different genre (including biography/autobiography, diaries/ story writing and letter writing). The children will be looking at auto/biographies in order to write biographies about famous Victorians. They will also look at story and descriptive writing to develop use of adjectives and adverbs. This develops into a study of significant older authors.

We will follow the NC for spelling, looking at spelling rules, ways to remember spellings and learn spelling lists every week. Handwriting will be taught weekly.

Year 6 will start a SATs revision programme for reading and SPAG.

Maths:

The children will access a daily maths lesson; including number work, shape, data handling and measures. Activities will include: number mastery and place value; decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions; mental addition and subtraction; written addition and subtraction; mental and written multiplication and division; geometry; properties of shapes; measurement; statistics; fractions, ratio and proportion, following the 'Maths No Problem' scheme. Year 6 will also begin their Maths Revision Programme. Maths teaching will include Arithmetic teaching and developing Reasoning skills across the maths curriculum.

Science:

Science teaching will focus on the topic of 'Forces' followed by 'Sound' revision.

ICT:

Skills this term include 3D modelling, animation and presenting data. E-safety will be reinforced during 'Safer Internet Day'.

RE: Daniel - did he make the right choice? Why do Christians believe Easter is a celebration of victory? Our Root Value this term is **LOVE**, whilst the Branching Value is **COURAGE**.

Art & DT: Famous Victorian artist study (William Morris), printing techniques and designing a waistcoat.

Music: Children will learn to sing 'Match Stick Men' and 'The Victorians' song. Later music learning will be listening and appraising classical music. We will continue to learn notes on the recorder.

PE: The main PE activities dodgeball, tag rugby and volleyball.

Please ensure your child wears the correct PE uniform on Monday and Wednesdays. Thank you.

Creative Curriculum Topic



What was it like to be a Victorian in Hawkshaw?

Golden age or dark-age? The Victorian times in our locality was a time of change and the Industrial Revolution was in full swing with the developments of the local East Lancs Railway and the Cotton Mill industry.

This Unit will form part of our local history study and thematic learning.

Geography concepts will be covered whilst we investigate Hawkshaw during Victorian Times.

Dates for your diary

Science Show - 30th Jan
Safer Internet Day - 6th Feb
Half term - 19th to 23rd Feb
World Book Day - 7th March
Red Nose Day - 15th March
Parents Evening - 18st March (evening) & 20th March (afternoon)
End of Term Easter Service - Thursday 28th March.
Summer Term begins Monday 15th April.

Thank you to all our parents for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us or message through on Class Dojo.

Mrs Falshaw and Mrs Jolley

'Let all that you do, be done with love' - Corinthians 16:14