



Class 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

Welcome Back!

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Welcome Back! We hope that all of the children and parents had a super Summer break and are ready for some cosy Autumn days and nights! Here comes Autumn then and we certainly have a great Term ahead with lots of exciting activities, events and learning. We will have a new exciting Topic focus and hope to arrange a trip to extend and enhance our learning. 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 will also look at the power of imagery in poetry. We are going to enjoy a whole class read of Jacqueline Wilson's 'The Lottie Project', which compares a modern day childhood to a Victorian one. 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. As writers we will be developing our fiction and non-fiction through a variety of genre (including poetry, story writing and letter writing). The children will be looking at auto/biographies in order to write a mini autobiography of themselves and 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 culminating in projects that the children present in front of the class. We will have a focus on texts from 'The Secret Garden', 'Far From Home' and 'A Christmas Carol'.

Maths: The children will access a daily lesson including number work, shape, data handling and measures. Activities will include games, investigations and exercises during Challenge Friday! Numeracy teaching will include Arithmetic teaching and developing Reasoning skills across the maths curriculum and for the Year 6 - algebra will be introduced. As part of the topic the children will look at a vast range of historical timelines.

Science:

Science teaching will focus on the topic of 'Evolution and inheritance' followed by 'Light and Sound'

ICT: Research, word processing and PowerPoint, plus databases of Victorian Inventions.

Homework: There will be Maths homework given weekly, plus regular Grammar and Science activities. All homework will be given on a **Friday** and to be returned the following

Tuesday. It is important that it is given in on time. Daily reading is recommended and should be recorded in the children's reading record, which also contains their weekly spelling list.

RE: Our themes will be Our Church and the Churches of other religions, Harvest and Christmas.

Art and design: LS Lowry, William Morris, Peg Dolls, Needlecraft, Rag Rugs and Victorian Christmas Crafts.

Music: Children will learn to sing 'Match Stick Men' and look at the Victorian Music Hall. Later in the term we will focus on Victorian Christmas Carols.

PE: The main PE activities this term will focus on Hockey and Gymnastics.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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.

The stated focus centres on conditions in industrial towns and changes, particularly in transport. It is the effects of industrial change rather than its causes that should be our main preoccupation.

Dates for your diary

Terrific Scientific-14.9.17

Welcome Walk - 29.9.17

Dementia Awareness Day- 2.10.17

Harvest Festival - 5.10.2017

Parents Evenings- 10/12.10.17

Half-Term- 19.10.17

Pantomime Trip - 5.12.17

Christmas Fair - 9.12.17

Carol Concert - 12.12.17

End of Term Service and close - 20.12.17

Thank you to all our parents for your continued support. As always, if you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to come and see us.

The Class 4 Team!

